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For: **RECOMBINANT HIGH MOLECULAR WEIGHT MAJOR OUTER MEMBRANE PROTEIN OF MORAXELLA**

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TITLE OF INVENTION

RECOMBINANT HIGH MOLECULAR WEIGHT MAJOR OUTER MEMBRANE PROTEIN OF MORAXELLA

FIELD OF INVENTION

The present invention relates to the field of immunology and is particularly concerned with outer membrane proteins from *Moraxella*, methods of recombinant production thereof, genes encoding such proteins and uses thereof.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Otitis media is the most common illness of early childhood with approximately 70% of all children suffering at least one bout of otitis media before the age of seven. Chronic otitis media can lead to hearing, speech and cognitive impairment in children. It is caused by bacterial infection with *Streptococcus pneumoniae* (approximately 50%), non-typable *Haemophilus influenzae* (approximately 30%) and *Moraxella (Branhamella) catarrhalis* (approximately 20%). In the United States alone, treatment of otitis media costs between one and two billion dollars per year for antibiotics and surgical procedures, such as tonsillectomies, adenoidectomies and insertion of tympanostomy tubes. Because otitis media occurs at a time in life when language skills are developing at a rapid pace, developmental disabilities specifically related to learning and auditory perception have been documented in youngsters with frequent otitis media.

M. catarrhalis mainly colonizes the respiratory tract and is predominantly a mucosal pathogen. Studies using cultures of middle ear fluid obtained by tympanocentesis have shown that *M. catarrhalis* causes approximately 20% of cases of otitis media (ref. 1 - Throughout this application, various references are referred to in parenthesis to more fully describe the

state of the art to which this invention pertains. Full bibliographic information for each citation is found at the end of the specification, immediately preceding the claims. The disclosures of these references are hereby incorporated by reference into the present disclosure).

The incidence of otitis media caused by *M. catarrhalis* is increasing. As ways of preventing otitis media caused by pneumococcus and non-typable *H. influenzae* are developed, the relative importance of *M. catarrhalis* as a cause of otitis media can be expected to further increase.

M. catarrhalis is also an important cause of lower respiratory tract infections in adults, particularly in the setting of chronic bronchitis and emphysema (refs. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8). *M. catarrhalis* also causes sinusitis in children and adults (refs. 9, 10. 11, 12, and 13) and occasionally causes invasive disease (refs. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19).

Like other Gram-negative bacteria, the outer membrane of *M. catarrhalis* consists of phospholipids, lipopolysaccharide (LPS), and outer membrane proteins (OMPs). Eight of the *M. catarrhalis* OMPs have been identified as major components. These are designated by letters A to H, beginning with OMP A which has a molecular mass of 98 kDa to OMP H which has a molecular mass of 21 kDa (ref. 20).

Recently, Klingman and Murphy purified and characterized a high molecular-weight outer membrane protein of *M. catarrhalis* (ref. 21). The apparent molecular mass of this protein varies from 350 kDa to 720 kDa as judged by sodium dodecyl sulfate-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (SDS-PAGE). This protein appears to be an oligomer of much smaller proteins or subunits thereof of molecular mass about 120 to 140 kDa and is antigenically conserved among strains of *Moraxella*.

Helminen et al also identified a protein of molecular mass of about 300 to 400 kDa, named UspA, that was reported to be present on the surface of *Moraxella* (ref. 22).

In WO 96/34960 and US Patent No. 5,808,024, assigned to the assignee hereof and the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference, there is described a new protein of *M. catarrhalis* which had an apparent molecular mass of about 200 kDa. Western blot analysis using antiserum raised against the 200 kDa protein suggested that this protein was different from the large UspA protein (> 300 kDa), reported by the two groups in refs. 21 and 22. Recently, the gene sequences encoding two related proteins, UspA1 and UspA2, have been published (ref. 23). A sequence comparison between the two genes encoding the UspA proteins and the gene encoding the 200 kDa protein confirmed that the 200 kDa protein is different from either of the UspA1 and UspA2 proteins.

Fitzgerald et al (ref. 29) have identified a 200 kDa protein associated with haemagglutination. Transmission electron microcopy studies (ref. 30) showed that the 200 kDa protein associated with haemagglutination is present on the outer fibrillar layer of *M. catarrhalis*. Recently, a non-clumping variant of strain 4223 was prepared by serial passaging and it was observed that the non-clumping variant had reduced expression of both UspA and a 200 kDa protein that is not UspA (ref. 31). It is possible that this 200 kDa protein is the same as that described in WO 96/34960 and herein.

The 200 kDa protein described herein has been detected in most, but not all, strains of *Moraxella catarrhalis*, which have been isolated from various sources, including otitis media (OM), sputum, nasopharynx, expectorate and bronchial secretions. Table 1A below contains a listing of *M. catarrhalis* strains

tested, their source and whether or not the 200 kDa protein is expressed.

M. catarrhalis infection may lead to serious disease. It would be advantageous to provide recombinant means for providing large quantities of 200 kDa outer membrane protein of *M. catarrhalis* strains and genes encoding such proteins from various *M. catarrhalis* strains for use as antigens in immunogenic preparations including vaccines, carriers for other antigens and immunogens and the generation of diagnostic reagents.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention is directed towards the provision of a recombinantly-produced purified and isolated outer membrane protein of *Moraxella catarrhalis* and other *Moraxella* strains, having an apparent molecular mass of about 200 kDa, as well as genes encoding the same from various strains of *Moraxella catarrhalis*.

In one aspect of the present invention, there is provided an isolated and purified nucleic acid molecule having (a) a nucleotide sequence set forth in Figure 3, 4 or 5 (SEQ ID Nos: 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12) for *Moraxella catarrhalis* strains 4223, Q8 and LES-1 respectively or the complementary sequence thereto; (b) a nucleotide sequence encoding an about 200 kDa outer membrane protein of a strain of *Moraxella catarrhalis* and having the derived amino acid sequence shown in Figures 3, 4 or 5 (SEQ ID Nos: 7, 10, 13) for *Moraxella catarrhalis* strains 4223, Q8 and LES-1 respectively; and (c) a nucleotide sequence encoding an about 200 kDa outer membrane protein of another strain of *Moraxella catarrhalis* which is characterized by a tract of consecutive G nucleotides which is 3 or a multiple thereof in length, an ATG start codon about 80 to 90 bp upstream of said tract and said tract being located between about amino acids 25 and 35 encoded by the nucleotide sequence.

The another strain of *Moraxella catarrhalis* in (c) is a strain as identified in Table 1A other than strains 4223, Q8 and LES-1 and expressing an about 200 kDa protein.

In another aspect of the invention, there is provided (a) a nucleotide sequence set forth in Figure 8 (SEQ ID No: 12) for a 5'-truncation of the gene encoding an about 200 kDa outer membrane protein of *Moraxella catarrhalis* strain 4223; (b) a nucleotide sequence encoding the derived amino acid sequence set forth in Figure 9 (SEQ ID No: 13) for a N-terminal truncation of an about 200 kDa outer membrane protein of *Moraxella catarrhalis* strain 4223; and (c) a nucleotide sequence encoding a 5'-truncation of a gene encoding an about 200 kDa outer membrane protein of another strain of *Moraxella catarrhalis* and being capable of expressing the corresponding N-terminally truncated about 200 kDa outer membrane protein from *E. coli*.

A further aspect of the invention providing an isolated and purified nucleic acid molecule which is a contiguous *Nde* I - *Pst* I fragment of SEQ ID No: 5.

The invention, in an additional aspect, provides a vector for transforming a host comprising a nucleic acid molecule as provided herein, which may be a plasmid vector. The plasmid vector may be one which has the identifying characteristics of pKS348 (ATCC 203,529) or pKS294 (ATCC 203,528). The plasmid vector also may be one having the identifying characteristics of pQWE or pQWF.

A further aspect of the invention provides a host cell, such as *E. coli*, transformed by a vector provided herein and expressing an about 200 kDa protein of a strain of *Moraxella catarrhalis* or an approximately C-terminal half thereof. The invention further provides, in an additional aspect, a recombinant about 200 kDa outer membrane protein of a strain of *Moraxella*

catarrhalis or an approximately C-terminal half thereof producible by the transformed host provided herein.

The recombinant about 200 kDa outer membrane protein or an approximately C-terminal half thereof may be formulated into an immunogenic composition, which may be formulated as a vaccine for *in vivo* administration to protect against disease caused by *Moraxella catarrhalis*, which may be provided in combination with a targeting molecule for delivery to specific cells of the immune system, formulated as a microparticle, capsule or liposome preparation, and may further comprise an adjuvant.

The invention, in a further aspect, includes a method of inducing protection against disease caused by *Moraxella catarrhalis* by administering to a susceptible host, which may be a human, an effective amount of the immunogenic composition provided herein.

In an additional aspect, the invention provides a method for the production of an about 200 kDa outer membrane protein of a strain *of Moraxella catarrhalis* or an approximately C-terminal half thereof, which comprises:

transforming a host cell, such as *E. coli*, with a vector as provided herein,

growing the host cell to express the encoded about 200 kDa protein or an approximately C-terminal half thereof, and

isolating and purifying the expressed about 200 kDa protein or an approximately C-terminal half thereof.

The encoded about 200 kDa protein may be expressed in inclusion bodies. The isolation and purification of the about 200 kDa protein may be effected by:

disrupting the grown transformed cells to produce supernatant and the inclusion bodies,

solubilizing the inclusion bodies to produce a solution of the recombinant about 200 kDa protein,

chromotographically purifying the solution of recombinant about 200 kDa protein free from contaminating proteins, and

isolating the purified recombinant about 200 kDa protein.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

Figure 1 shows restriction maps of subclones of a gene encoding the 200 kDa outer membrane protein of *M. catarrhalis* from λEMBL3 clone 8II and the location of PCR primers used to amplify the 5'-region of the gene. The open reading frame of the about 200 kDa outer membrane protein is indicated by the shaded box. The numbers in parenthesis are approximate sizes of DNA inserts in plasmids. Restrictions sites are Sal: *Sal*I, N: *Nco*I, B: *Bgl*II, K: *Kpn*I, Xb: *Xba*I, Xh: *Xho*I, RV: *Eco*RV;

Figure 2 shows the nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID No: 1 - entire sequence, SEQ ID No: 2 - coding sequence) of the gene encoding the about 200 kDa outer membrane protein of *M. catarrhalis* strain 4223, as determined from λEMBL3 clone 8II, and deduced amino acid sequence (SEQ ID No: 3 - identified GTG start codon, SEQ ID No: 4 - putative ATG start codon shaded) of the about 200 kDa outer membrane protein. A ten-G nucleotide segment of the 5'-UTR is identified by underlining. An ATG start codon for the same sequence but with a nine-G nucleotide segment is identified by a shaded box (see Figure 3);

Figure 3 shows the nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID No: 5 - entire sequence, SEQ ID No: 6 - coding sequence) of the gene encoding the about 200 kDa outer membrane protein of *M. catarrhalis* strain 4223, as determined from PCR-amplified genomic DNA of strain 4223 and the deduced amino acid sequence (SEQ ID No: 7) of the corresponding about 200 kDa outer membrane protein. A nine-G nucleotide segment of the sequence corresponding to the 10-G nucleotide segment of Figure 2, is

identified by underlining. The GTG start codon identified in Figure 2 is identified by a light box;

Figure 4 shows the nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID No: 8) of the gene encoding the about 200 kDa outer membrane protein of *M. catarrhalis* strain Q8 and the deduced amino acid sequence (SEQ ID No: 9) of the corresponding about 200 kDa outer membrane protein. A nine-G nucleotide segment is identified by underlining;

Figure 5 shows the nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID No: 10) of the gene encoding the about 200 kDa outer membrane protein of *M. catarrhalis* strain LES-I and the deduced amino acid sequence (SEQ ID No: 11) of the corresponding about 200 kDa outer membrane protein. A three-G nucleotide segment is identified by underlining;

Figure 6 contains an alignment of the amino acid sequence (in single letter code) of the about 200 kDa proteins of *M. catarrhalis* strain 4223 (SEQ ID No: 7), Q8 (SEQ ID No: 9) and LES-I (SEQ ID No: 11). The alignments of the sequences were made using BLAST and manual methods and are compared to the 4223 sequence. Gaps in the sequence where no corresponding or related amino acid exists are designated by "-" while identical amino acids are designed by ".";

Figure 7 shows the restriction sites of the *M. catarrhalis* strain 4223 derived 200 kDa protein gene as well as the identity of various plasmids containing partial or full length 200 kDa genes;

Figure 8 shows the nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID No: 12) and deduced amino acid sequence (SEQ ID No: 13) of the 5'-truncated gene encoding the M56 200 kDa protein of *M. catarrhalis* strain 4223 contained in pKS348;

Figures 9A and 9B contain a schematic of the procedure for producing plasmid pKS294 expressing the full length 200 kDa protein of *M. catarrhalis* strain 4223;

Figure 10 is a schematic of the procedure for producing plasmid pKS348 expressing the N-truncated M56 r200 kDa protein of *M. catarrhalis* strain 4223;

Figure 11 shows a schematic procedure for the purification of recombinantly-produced 200 kDa protein from *E. coli*;

Figure 12 shows SDS-PAGE analysis of the expression of M56 r200 kDa protein gene from *E. coli*. *M. catarrhalis* strain 4223 lysate was run as a positive control (a) and uninduced KS358 cultured overnight was run as a negative control (b). In each lane, 20 μg of total protein was loaded;

Figure 13 shows the SDS-PAGE analysis of the purification of the M56 r200 kDa protein according to the scheme of Figure 11. Lane 1, *E. coli* whole cells; Lane 2, soluble proteins after 50 mM Tris/NaCl, pH8, extraction; Lane 3, soluble proteins after Tris/Triton X-100/EDTA extraction; Lane 4, soluble proteins after Tris/OG extraction; Lane 5, pellet after Tris/OG extraction; Lanes 6, 7, purified 200 kDa protein;

Figure 14 shows the anti-M56 r200 kDa protein antibody titers obtained in mice. Mice were immunized on day 1, day 29 and day 43 with 0.3 μg, 1 μg, 3 μg or 10 μg of the purified M56 r200 kDa protein in adjuvant. Antisera were obtained on days 14, 28, 42 and 56 and anti-M56 r200 kDa protein IgG titers were determined. The reactive titers of antisera were defined as the reciprocal of the dilution consistently showing a two-fold increasing in absorbance over that obtained with the pre-bleed serum sample collected on day 0;

Figure 15 shows the anti-M56 r200 kDa antibody titers in guinea pigs. Guinea pigs were immunized and antisera were analyzed according to the protocol of Figure 14;

Figure 16 shows the location of PCR primers used to amplify a DNA fragments carrying portions of the 200 kDa protein gene from chromosomal DNA of *M. catarrhalis*

strain RH408, a spontaneous mutant of strain 4223 which does not produce the 200 kDa protein;

Figure 17 is a partial nucleotide and derived amino acid sequence for the 200 kDa protein of *M. catarrhalis* strain 4223, indicating by arrows the locations of the initial amino acid of the respective three truncations ALA^{12}, VAL^{19} and GLY^{39};

Figure 18 shows schematic diagrams for two 3' half clones of the 4223 200 kDa gene. Clone pQWE contains a fusion between the 5' end of the 200 kDa gene and the 3' half of the gene. Clone pQWE contains the 3' half of the gene alone. The location of the PCR primers used to generate pQWF is indicated.

Figure 19 is a construction diagram for producing plasmid pQWE expressing a C-terminal portion of the 200 kDa protein of *M. catarrhalis* strain 4223 fused to the N-terminus; and

Figure 20 is a construction diagram for producing plasmid pQWF expressing a C-terminal portion of the 200 kDa protein of *M. catarrhalis* strain 4223.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

In WO 96/34960 (Figure 6), the sequence of a cloned gene from *M. catarrhalis* 4223 encoding an about 200 kDa protein, was described. The open reading frame was predicted to start at a GTG codon. Sequence analysis of 200 kDa genes from additional strains, suggested that a slightly longer open reading frame was more generally found. A re-examination of the sequence from the lambda phage-derived 200 kDa gene confirmed the GTG start codon and an upstream stretch of 10 G nucleotides in a G tract. However, when sequence analysis was performed on 4223 genomic PCR-amplified subclones, the longer open reading frame was found starting from an ATG codon. The G-tract was found to contain 9 G nucleotides in the chromosomal gene. An additional G nucleotide had been inserted during cloning from the phage library. Analysis of the 5' end of the 200 kDa gene from 24 strains

suggests that the number of G nucleotides in the G tract acts as regulator of expression.

Utilizing the techniques described herein, the genes encoding the about 200 kDa protein from *M. catarrhalis* strains Q8 and LES-1 have been cloned and sequenced. Figures 4 and 5 show respectively the nucleotide and derived amino acid sequences. An amino acid sequence comparison of the derived amino acid sequences of the 200 kDa protein from the three strains of *M. catarrhalis* is contained in Figure 6.

Based on the sequence information, a plasmid (pKS294) was constructed that contained the full-length 200 kDa protein gene of strain 4223 starting at the ATG codon, under control of the bacteriophage T7 promoter. However, even a basal level of expression of the full-length gene from the ATG was lethal to *E. coli*. Deletion of a 165 bp 5' fragment of the 200 kDa coding region greatly reduced the toxicity of the resultant protein to *E. coli*. Plasmid pKS348 contains the T7 promoter transcriptionally driving a 200 kDa protein gene which starts at amino acid residue 56. The V56 codon was changed to M56. The M56 r200 kDa protein was produced and the purified protein was used to generate guinea pig antiserum.

In WO 96/34960, a bactericidal antibody assay was described that was used to demonstrate that anti-200 kDa antibody was bactericidal for *M. catarrhalis*. The assay was used herein to demonstrate broad bactericidal antibody activity against heterologous clinical isolates from different geographical locations, by anti-M56 r200 kDa antibody. A single anti-M56 r200 kDa antibody was lytic for 62% of strains tested.

The 200 kDa protein was originally identified as a putative adhesin when its presence was detected in a clumping strain, but not a non-clumping derivative. In order to determine whether it were truly an adhesin, an *in vitro* adherence assay was developed in which the

inhibition of binding by antibody between *M. catarrhalis* and epithelial cells was measured. Using this assay, anti-M56 r200 kDa antibody was capable of inhibiting adherence of the homologous strain by 48%, demonstrating that the 200 kDa protein was an adhesin. When an additional 25 strains of *M. catarrhalis* were assayed, 21 were found to have reduced adherence to epithelial cells in the presence of anti-M56 r200 kDa antibody. 19 of these strains had not been killed by the same antibody. Thus, a single anti-M56 r200 kDa antibody was capable of killing or blocking adherence of 91% of the strains tested.

The sequence comparison for the 200 kDa gene from three strains of *M. catarrhalis* showed that the C-terminal half of the protein was quite conserved. Strain LES-1 contained an insert of about 300 amino acids. Thus, based upon the C-terminal region, the strains may be divided into two families depending upon whether they contained the insert 4223 and Q8 formed one family while LES-1 formed the other. The carboxy terminal halves (3' halves) of the 4223 or LES-1 200 kDa genes were expressed in *E. coli* with good yields and the purified carboxy terminal half of the proteins were used to generate antibodies. When tested in the bactericidal antibody assay, these antisera were bactericidal, as seen in Table 1B.

It is clearly apparent to one skilled in the art, that the various embodiments of the present invention have many applications in the fields of vaccination, diagnosis, treatment of *Moraxella* infections, and in the generation of immunological reagents. A further non-limiting discussion of such uses is further presented below.

1. Vaccine Preparation and Use

Immunogenic compositions, including those suitable to be used as vaccines, may be prepared from the about 200 kDa outer membrane protein as disclosed herein, as

well as immunological fragments and fusions thereof, which may be purified from the bacteria or which may be produced recombinantly. The vaccine elicits an immune response in a subject which produces antibodies, including anti-200 kDa outer membrane protein antibodies and antibodies that are opsonizing or bactericidal. Should the vaccinated subject be challenged by *Moraxella* or other bacteria that produce proteins capable of producing antibodies that specifically recognize 200 kDa outer membrane protein, the antibodies bind to and inactivate the bacterium. Furthermore, opsonizing or bactericidal anti-200 kDa outer membrane protein antibodies may also provide protection by alternative mechanisms.

Immunogenic compositions including vaccines may be prepared as injectables, as liquid solutions or emulsions. The about 200 kDa outer membrane protein may be mixed with pharmaceutically acceptable excipients which are compatible with the about 200 kDa outer membrane protein. Such excipients may include, water, saline, dextrose, glycerol, ethanol, and combinations thereof. The immunogenic compositions and vaccines may further contain auxiliary substances, such as wetting or emulsifying agents, pH buffering agents, or adjuvants to enhance the effectiveness thereof. Immunogenic compositions and vaccines may be administered parenterally, by injection subcutaneously or intramuscularly. Alternatively, the immunogenic compositions formed according to the present invention, may be formulated and delivered in a manner to evoke an immune response at mucosal surfaces. Thus, the immunogenic composition may be administered to mucosal surfaces by, for example, the nasal or oral (intragastric) routes. Alternatively, other modes of administration including suppositories and oral formulations may be desirable. For suppositories, binders and carriers may include, for example,

polyalkalene glycols or triglycerides. Oral formulations may include normally employed incipients such as, for example, pharmaceutical grades of saccharine, cellulose and magnesium carbonate. These compositions can take the form of solutions, suspensions, tablets, pills, capsules, sustained release formulations or powders and contain about 1 to 95% of the about 200 kDa outer membrane protein. The immunogenic preparations and vaccines are administered in a manner compatible with the dosage formulation, and in such amount as will be therapeutically effective, protective and immunogenic. The quantity to be administered depends on the subject to be treated, including, for example, the capacity of the individual's immune system to synthesize antibodies, and if needed, to produce a cell-mediated immune response. Precise amounts of active ingredient required to be administered depend on the judgement of the practitioner. However, suitable dosage ranges are readily determinable by one skilled in the art and may be of the order of micrograms of the about 200 kDa outer membrane protein. Suitable regimes for initial administration and booster doses are also variable, but may include an initial administration followed by subsequent administrations. The dosage may also depend on the route of administration and will vary according to the size of the host.

The immunogenic preparations including vaccines may comprise as the immunostimulating material a nucleotide vector comprising at least a portion of the gene encoding the about 200 kDa protein, or the at least a portion of the gene may be used directly for immunization.

The concentration of the about 200 kDa outer membrane antigen in an immunogenic composition according to the invention is in general about 1 to 95%. A vaccine which contains antigenic material of only one pathogen is a monovalent vaccine. Vaccines which

contain antigenic material of several pathogens are combined vaccines and also belong to the present invention. Such combined vaccines contain, for example, material from various pathogens or from various strains of the same pathogen, or from combinations of various pathogens.

Immunogenicity can be significantly improved if the antigens are co-administered with adjuvants, commonly used as 0.05 to 0.1 percent solution in phosphate-buffered saline. Adjuvants enhance the immunogenicity of an antigen but are not necessarily immunogenic themselves. Adjuvants may act by retaining the antigen locally near the site of administration to produce a depot effect facilitating a slow, sustained release of antigen to cells of the immune system. Adjuvants can also attract cells of the immune system to an antigen depot and stimulate such cells to elicit immune responses.

Immunostimulatory agents or adjuvants have been used for many years to improve the host immune responses to, for example, vaccines. Intrinsic adjuvants, such as lipopolysaccharides, normally are the components of the killed or attenuated bacteria used as vaccines. Extrinsic adjuvants are immunomodulators which are typically non-covalently linked to antigens and are formulated to enhance the host immune responses. Thus, adjuvants have been identified that enhance the immune response to antigens delivered parenterally. Some of these adjuvants are toxic, however, and can cause undesirable side-effects, making them unsuitable for use in humans and many animals. Indeed, only aluminum hydroxide and aluminum phosphate (collectively commonly referred to as alum) are routinely used as adjuvants in human and veterinary vaccines. The efficacy of alum in increasing antibody responses to diphtheria and tetanus toxoids is well established and a HBsAg vaccine has been adjuvanted with alum. While the usefulness of alum is

well established for some applications, it has limitations. For example, alum is ineffective for influenza vaccination and inconsistently elicits a cell mediated immune response.

A wide range of extrinsic adjuvants can provoke potent immune responses to antigens. These include saponins complexed to membrane protein antigens (immune stimulating complexes), pluronic polymers with mineral oil, killed mycobacteria in mineral oil, Freund's complete adjuvant, bacterial products, such as muramyl dipeptide (MDP) and lipopolysaccharide (LPS), as well as lipid A, and liposomes.

To efficiently induce humoral immune responses (HIR) and cell-mediated immunity (CMI), immunogens are typically emulsified in adjuvants. Many adjuvants are toxic, inducing granulomas, acute and chronic inflammations (Freund's complete adjuvant) FCA, cytolysis (saponins and Pluronic polymers) and pyrogenicity, arthritis and anterior uveitis (LPS and MDP). Although FCA is an excellent adjuvant and widely used in research, it is not licensed for use in human or veterinary vaccines because of its toxicity.

Desirable characteristics of ideal adjuvants include:

(1) lack of toxicity;

(2) ability to stimulate a long-lasting immune response;

(3) simplicity of manufacture and stability in long-term storage;

(4) ability to elicit both CMI and HIR to antigens administered by various routes, if required;

(5) synergy with other adjuvants;

(6) capability of selectively interacting with populations of antigen presenting cells (APC);

(7) ability to specifically elicit appropriate T_H1 or T_H2 cell-specific immune responses; and

(8) ability to selectively increase appropriate antibody isotype levels (for example, IgA) against antigens.

U.S. Patent No. 4,855,283 granted to Lockhoff et al on August 8, 1989 which is incorporated herein by reference thereto, teaches glycolipid analogues including N-glycosylamides, N-glycosylureas and N-glycosylcarbamates, each of which is substituted in the sugar residue by an amino acid, as immuno-modulators or adjuvants. Thus, Lockhoff et al. (US Patent No. 4,855,283 and ref. 27) reported that N-glycolipid analogs displaying structural similarities to the naturally-occurring glycolipids, such as glycosphospholipids and glycoglycerolipids, are capable of eliciting strong immune responses in both herpes simplex virus vaccine and pseudorabies virus vaccine. Some glycolipids have been synthesized from long chain-alkylamines and fatty acids that are linked directly with the sugars through the anomeric carbon atom, to mimic the functions of the naturally occurring lipid residues.

U.S. Patent No. 4,258,029 granted to Moloney, assigned to the assignee hereof and incorporated herein by reference thereto, teaches that octadecyl tyrosine hydrochloride (OTH) functioned as an adjuvant when complexed with tetanus toxoid and formalin inactivated type I, II and III poliomyelitis virus vaccine. Also, Nixon-George et al. (ref. 24), reported that octadecyl esters of aromatic amino acids complexed with a recombinant hepatitis B surface antigen, enhanced the host immune responses against hepatitis B virus.

Lipidation of synthetic peptides has also been used to increase their immunogenicity. Thus, Wiesmuller (ref. 25) describes a peptide with a sequence homologous to a foot-and-mouth disease viral protein coupled to an adjuvant tripalmityl-S-glyceryl-cysteinylserylserine, being a synthetic analogue of the N-terminal part of the

lipoprotein from Gram negative bacteria. Furthermore, Deres et al. (ref. 26) reported *in vivo* priming of virus-specific cytotoxic T lymphocytes with synthetic lipopeptide vaccine which comprised of modified synthetic peptides derived from influenza virus nucleoprotein by linkage to a lipopeptide, N-palmityl-S-2,3-bis(palmitylxy)-(2RS)-propyl-[R]-cysteine (TPC).

2. Immunoassays

The about 200 kDa outer membrane protein of the present invention is useful as an immunogen for the generation of anti-200 kDa outer membrane protein antibodies, as an antigen in immunoassays including enzyme-linked immunosorbent assays (ELISA), RIAs and other non-enzyme linked antibody binding assays or procedures known in the art for the detection of anti-bacterial, anti-*Moraxella*, and anti-200 kDa outer membrane protein antibodies. In ELISA assays, the about 200 kDa outer membrane protein is immobilized onto a selected surface, for example, a surface capable of binding proteins such as the wells of a polystyrene microtiter plate. After washing to remove incompletely adsorbed about 200 kDa outer membrane protein, a nonspecific protein such as a solution of bovine serum albumin (BSA) that is known to be antigenically neutral with regard to the test sample may be bound to the selected surface. This allows for blocking of nonspecific adsorption sites on the immobilizing surface and thus reduces the background caused by nonspecific bindings of antisera onto the surface.

The immobilizing surface is then contacted with a sample, such as clinical or biological materials, to be tested in a manner conducive to immune complex (antigen/antibody) formation. This may include diluting the sample with diluents, such as solutions of BSA, bovine gamma globulin (BGG) and/or phosphate buffered saline (PBS)/Tween. The sample is then allowed to incubate for from 2 to 4 hours, at temperatures such as

of the order of about 20° to 37°C. Following incubation, the sample-contacted surface is washed to remove non-immunocomplexed material. The washing procedure may include washing with a solution, such as PBS/Tween or a borate buffer. Following formation of specific immunocomplexes between the test sample and the bound about 200 kDa outer membrane protein, and subsequent washing, the occurrence, and even amount, of immunocomplex formation may be determined by subjecting the immunocomplex to a second antibody having specificity for the first antibody. If the test sample is of human origin, the second antibody is an antibody having specificity for human immunoglobulins and in general IgG. To provide detecting means, the second antibody may have an associated activity such as an enzymatic activity that will generate, for example, a colour development upon incubating with an appropriate chromogenic substrate. Quantification may then be achieved by measuring the degree of colour generation using, for example, a visible spectrophotometer.

3. Use of Sequences as Hybridization Probes

The nucleotide sequences of the present invention, comprising the sequence of the about 200 kDa protein gene, now allow for the identification and cloning of the about 200 kDa protein gene from any species of *Moraxella*.

The nucleotide sequences comprising the sequence of the about 200 kDa protein gene of the present invention are useful for their ability to selectively form duplex molecules with complementary stretches of other about 200 kDa protein genes. Depending on the application, a variety of hybridization conditions may be employed to achieve varying degrees of selectivity of the probe toward the other genes. For a high degree of selectivity, relatively stringent conditions are used to form the duplexes, such as low salt and/or high temperature conditions, such as provided by 0.02 M to

0.15 M NaCl at temperatures of between about 50°C to 70°C. For some applications, less stringent hybridization conditions are required such as 0.15 M to 0.9 M salt, at temperatures ranging from between about 20°C to 55°C. Hybridization conditions can also be rendered more stringent by the addition of increasing amounts of formamide, to destabilize the hybrid duplex. Thus, particular hybridization conditions can be readily manipulated, and will generally be a method of choice depending on the desired results. In general, convenient hybridization temperatures in the presence of 50% formamide are: 42°C for a probe which is 95 to 100% homologous to the target fragment, 37°C for 90 to 95% homology and 32°C for 85 to 90% homology.

In a clinical diagnostic embodiment, the nucleic acid sequences of the about 200 kDa protein genes of the present invention may be used in combination with an appropriate means, such as a label, for determining hybridization. A wide variety of appropriate indicator means are known in the art, including radioactive, enzymatic or other ligands, such as avidin/biotin and digoxigenin-labelling, which are capable of providing a detectable signal. In some diagnostic embodiments, an enzyme tag such as urease, alkaline phosphatase or peroxidase, instead of a radioactive tag may be used. In the case of enzyme tags, colorimetric indicator substrates are known which can be employed to provide a means visible to the human eye or spectrophotometrically, to identify specific hybridization with samples containing about 200 kDa protein gene sequences.

The nucleic acid sequences of the about 200 kDa protein genes of the present invention are useful as hybridization probes in solution hybridizations and in embodiments employing solid-phase procedures. In embodiments involving solid-phase procedures, the test

DNA (or RNA) from samples, such as clinical samples, including exudates, body fluids (e. g., serum, amniotic fluid, middle ear effusion, sputum, bronchoalveolar lavage fluid) or even tissues, is adsorbed or otherwise affixed to a selected matrix or surface. The fixed, single-stranded nucleic acid is then subjected to specific hybridization with selected probes comprising the nucleic acid sequences of the about 200 kDa protein encoding genes or fragments or analogs thereof of the present invention under desired conditions. The selected conditions will depend on the particular circumstances based on the particular criteria required depending on, for example, the G+C contents, type of target nucleic acid, source of nucleic acid, size of hybridization probe etc. Following washing of the hybridization surface so as to remove non-specifically bound probe molecules, specific hybridization is detected, or even quantified, by means of the label. It is preferred to select nucleic acid sequence portions which are conserved among species of *Moraxella*. The selected probe may be at least 18bp and may be in the range of about 30 to 90 bp.

4. Expression of the about 200 kDa Protein Gene

Plasmid vectors containing replicon and control sequences which are derived from species compatible with the host cell may be used for the expression of the genes encoding the about 200 kDa protein in expression systems. The vector ordinarily carries a replication site, as well as marking sequences which are capable of providing phenotypic selection in transformed cells. For example, *E. coli* may be transformed using pBR322 which contains genes for ampicillin and tetracycline resistance and thus provides an easy means for identifying transformed cells. The plasmids or phage, must also contain, or be modified to contain, promoters which can be used by the host cell for expression of its own proteins.

In addition, phage vectors containing replicon and control sequences that are compatible with the host can be used as a transforming vector in connection with these hosts. For example, the phage in lambda GEM™-11 may be utilized in making recombinant phage vectors which can be used to transform host cells, such as *E. coli* LE392.

Promoters commonly used in recombinant DNA construction include the β-lactamase (penicillinase) and lactose promoter systems and other microbial promoters, such as the T7 promoter system as described in U.S. Patent No. 4,952,496. Details concerning the nucleotide sequences of promoters are known, enabling a skilled worker to ligate them functionally with genes. The particular promoter used will generally be a matter of choice depending upon the desired results. Hosts that are appropriate for expression of the about 200 kDa protein genes, fragments, analogs or variants thereof, may include *E. coli, Bacillus* species, *Haemophilus*, fungi, yeast, *Bordetella*, or the baculovirus expression system may be used.

In accordance with this invention, it is preferred to make the protein by recombinant methods, particularly when the naturally occurring about 200 kDa protein as purified from a culture of a species of *Moraxella* may include trace amounts of toxic materials or other contaminants. This problem can be avoided by using recombinantly produced protein in heterologous systems which can be isolated from the host in a manner to minimize contaminants in the purified material. Particularly desirable hosts for expression in this regard include Gram positive bacteria which do not have LPS and are, therefore, endotoxin free. Such hosts include species of *Bacillus* and may be particularly useful for the production of non-pyrogenic about 200 kDa protein, fragments or analogs thereof.

BIOLOGICAL DEPOSITS

Certain plasmids that contain portions and full-length of the gene having the open reading frame of the gene encoding the about 200 kDa outer membrane protein of *M. catarrhalis* strain 4223 that are described and referred to herein have been deposited with the America Type Culture Collection (ATCC) located at 10801 University Blvd., Manassas, VA 20110-2209, U.S.A., pursuant to the Budapest Treaty and pursuant to 37 CFR 1.808 and prior to the filing of this application.

Samples of the deposited plasmids will become available to the public upon grant of a patent based upon this United States patent application or relevant precursor applications. The invention described and claimed herein is not to be limited in scope by plasmids deposited, since the deposited embodiment is intended only as an illustration of the invention. Any equivalent or similar plasmids that encode similar or equivalent antigens as described in this application are within the scope of the invention.

Plasmid	ATCC Designation	Date Deposited
pKS47	97,111	April 7, 1995
pKS5	97,110	April 7, 1995
pKS9	97,114	April 18, 1995
pKS294	203,528	December 17, 1998
pKS348	203,529	December 17, 1998

EXAMPLES

The above disclosure generally describes the present invention. A more complete understanding can be obtained by reference to the following specific Examples. These Examples are described solely for purposes of illustration and are not intended to limit the scope of the invention. Changes in form and substitution of equivalents are contemplated as circumstances may suggest or render expedient. Although specific terms have been employed herein, such terms are

intended in a descriptive sense and not for purposes of limitations.

Methods of molecular genetics, protein biochemistry, and immunology used but not explicitly described in this disclosure and these Examples are amply reported in the scientific literature and are well within the ability of those skilled in the art.

Example 1

This Example describes the cloning of a gene encoding the *M. catarrhalis* 200 kDa outer membrane protein.

A *M. catarrhalis* genomic library in phage lambda EMBL3 was prepared as described in Example 9 of USP 5,808,024 and WO 96/34960 and was screened using guinea pig anti-200 kDa protein antiserum. A lambda phage clone 8II, which expressed an about 200 kDa protein, was confirmed by immunoblotting of the phage lysate using the about 200 kDa outer membrane-specific antiserum.

Plate lysate cultures of this recombinant phage were prepared. The DNA was extracted from the plate lysates using a Wizard Lambda Preps DNA Purification System (Promega Corp, Madison, WI) according to the manufacturer's instructions. This phage clone carried a DNA insert of about 16 kb in size (the restriction map for which is shown in Figure 1). The phage DNA was digested with a mixture of the restriction enzymes *Sal*I and *Xho*I, and separated by agarose gel electrophoresis. Two DNA bands, approximately 5 kb and 11 kb in size, respectively, were cut out from the gel and extracted using a Geneclean kit (BIO 101 Inc., LaJolla, CA) according to the manufacturer's direction.

The smaller 5 kb fragment was ligated into a plasmid vector, pBluescript II SK +/- (Stratagene Cloning Systems, LaJolla, CA), which had been previously digested with *Sal*I and *Xho*I, to produce plasmid pKS5. The larger 11 kb fragment was ligated into a plasmid vector, pSP72 (Promega Corp., Madison, WI), digested

with *Sal*I and *Xho*I,, to produce plasmid pKS9. Both ligated plasmids were used to transform *E. coli*, strain DH5α.

The lambda phage DNA was also digested with a mixture of *Xho*I and *Kpn*I and the approximately 1.1 kb fragment was isolated after agarose gel separation as described above. This 1.1 kb fragment was ligated into a plasmid vector, pGEM-7Zf(+) (Promega Corp., Madison, WI), to produce plasmid pKS47.

Example 2

This Example describes the isolation of chromosomal DNA from *M. catarrhalis* for use in PCR amplification.

M. catarrhalis was cultured in 25 ml of BHI broth overnight and centrifuged at 5,000 rpm for 10 min. The bacteria pellet was suspended in 10 ml of 10 mM Tris/HC1 (pH 8.0) containing 100 mM EDTA and mixed with RNaseA (final concentration: 100 μg/ml) and lysozyme (final concentration: 1 mg/ml). After incubation on ice for 10 min and at room temperature for 50 min, the suspension was gently mixed with 1 ml of 10% SDS and then heated at 65°C for 20 min. The suspension was mixed with proteinase K (final concentration: 200 μg/ml) and incubated at 50°C for 1 h. The suspension was gently mixed with 10 ml chloroform on a nutator for 15 min and centrifuged at 5,000 rpm for 10 min. The upper phase was slowly removed with a wide-bore pipette and mixed with 10 ml of Tris-saturated phenol and 10 ml of chloroform on a nutator. After centrifugation at 5,000 rpm for 10 min, the upper phase was re-extracted with a mixture of Tris-saturated phenol and chloroform, again, and then extracted with chloroform, and then twice dialyzed against 1M NaCl at 4°C and twice against TE buffer (pH 8.0) at 4°C.

Example 3

This Example describes subcloning and sequence analysis of fragments of the 200 kDa protein gene from *M. catarrhalis* strain 4223.

The procedures used to produce a phage λEMBL3 clone 8II, and its subclones, pKS5, pKS9 and pKS47, are described in USP 5,808,024 and WO 96/34960. pKS10 was constructed from the λEMBL3 clone 8II exactly as described for pKS9. pKS59 and pKS63 were constructed by insertion of a 1.4 kb *Xba*I-*Nco*I fragment of pKS9 into pGEM5Z(+) that had been digested with *Nco*I and *Spe*I. pKS71 was made by insertion of the same 1.4 kb *Xba*I-*Nco*I fragment, isolated from the λEMBL3 clone 8II into pGEM5Z(+). Sequence analysis confirmed that all three plasmids, pKS59, pKS63 and pKS71, carried identical DNA fragments. Figure 1 shows partial restriction maps for the plasmids.

The full sequence of the 200 kDa gene locus from the λDNA clone was described in USP 5,808,024 and WO 96/34960 and is shown in Figure 2. There is a tract of 10 consecutive G nucleotides between position 623 and 632 in clones derived from the λ library. The first possible start codon is, therefore, located at nucleotides 706 to 708 and is a GTG encoding a valine, boxed lightly in Figure 2. A series of strains expressing a 200 kDa gene, were identified by immunoblot analysis and the 5' end of their 200 kDa genes was PCR amplified and sequenced. A summary of the findings is shown in Table 5 wherein the expression level of the gene appeared to be related to the number of G nucleotides in the tract and for those strains within higher expression levels, the start codon was an ATG upstream of the GTG codon identified from the 4223 λ clones. Based upon these findings, the sequence of the 5' end of the 200 kDa gene from strain 4223 was re-examined.

Plasmids pKS9 and pKS10 were directly derived from the λ clone. The subclones pKS59 and pKS63 were derived from pKS9 whereas pKS71 contained the same fragment derived directly from the λ clone. All of these plasmids contained 10 G nucleotides in the G tract, as described previously. To determine whether the λ clone contained an extra G nucleotide or the strain itself contained an aberrant gene, PCR amplification of the region was performed from chromosomal DNA preparations and from the λ subclones. The data in Table 3 show that PCR fragments of the λ subclones all contained 10 G nucleotides. The data in Table 4, however, demonstrate that PCR fragments derived directly from chromosomal DNA, contain 9 G nucleotides in the tract. When the single extra G nucleotide is removed from the 200 kDa sequence of strain 4223, the open reading frame is extended in the 5' direction to start from an ATG codon 156 nucleotides earlier, at positions 541 to 543 in Figure 2. This new start codon corresponds to that suggested for the 200 kDa genes sequenced from other strains and summarized in Table 5.

Example 4

This Example describes the construction of the full length 200 kDa protein gene from *M. catarrhalis* strain 4223. The construction scheme is shown in Figure 9.

The full-length 200 kDa protein gene was constructed from the new ATG start codon identified by analysis of the chromosomally derived DNA as described in Example 3 and shown in Figure 3. pKS47 was digested with *Xho*I and *Kpn*I and separated by agarose gel electrophoresis. The 1.1 kb fragment was isolated from the gel and inserted into pKS5, which had previously been digested with the same two enzymes and purified to form pKS80. An about 5.8 kb *Pst*I fragment from pKS80 was inserted into pT7-7 vector (ref. 28) that had been digested with *Pst*I and dephosphorylated. The orientation

of the insert was determined by restriction enzyme analysis and pKS122 was chosen for further construction (see Figure 7).

The 5' region of the 200 kDa protein gene was amplified from strain 4223 chromosomal DNA. PCR reactions were performed using Taq Plus or Tsg Plus enzyme (Sangon Ltd., Scarborough, Ont., Canada) and a Perkin Elmer DNA Thermocycler (Perkin Elmer Cetus, Foster City, CA, USA). The lower PCR reaction mixture (50 μl) contained 5 μl of 10X buffer, 0.4 mM each of four deoxynucleotide triphosphates (Perkin Elmer, Foster City, CA, USA) and 1 to 2 μM each of two primers. The upper PCR reaction mixture (50 μM) contained 5 μl of 10X buffer, 0.5 to 1 μl of Taq Plus or Tsg Plus enzyme, and template DNA. The lower and upper mixtures were separated by a layer of AmpliWax PCR Gem50 (Perkin Elmer, Foster City, CA, USA) before heating cycles started. The thermocycling condition employed for the provision of PCR products in the construction of various plasmids are set forth in Table 11 below. The PCR products were purified using a QIAquick PCR purification kit (Qiagen Inc., Mississauga, Ont., Canada). The purified PCR products were sequenced on both strands directly and/or after cloning in appropriate vectors using an Applied Biosystem sequencer.

The 5' primer (designated 5295.KS) was designed, so that it contained the first possible translation start codon, ATG, and its flanking sequences with a mutation to introduce an *Nde*I site at the ATG. The 3' primer (designated 4260.KS) was based upon the non-coding strand in the region about 1 kb downstream from the ATG start codon. (The nucleic acid sequences and SEQ ID's of the PCR primers utilized herein are identified in Table 10). The PCR-product was digested with *Nde*I and an approximately 650 bp DNA fragment was gel purified and

inserted into pKS122, which had previously been linearized with *Nde*I and dephosphorylated.

The new construct, designated pKS294 (Figure 8), was confirmed by restriction enzyme analyses and by sequencing of the PCR-amplified DNA and its joint regions. The number of G nucleotides in the G tract was nine, and the open reading frame continued from the newly found translation start codon, ATG, to the remaining portion of 200 kDa protein gene in pKS122. pKS294, therefore, carried the correct, full-length 200 kDa protein gene from *Moraxella catarrhalis* strain 4223. During construction of pKS294, *E. coli* strain DH5α was used for transformation and plasmid analyses.

<u>Example 5</u>

This Example describes the cloning and sequence analysis of genes encoding the 200 kDa protein from additional *M. catarrhalis* clinical isolates.

A panel of *M. catarrhalis* clinical isolates was analysed by immunoblot with guinea pig anti-200 kDa antibody, as described in USP 5,808,024 and WO 96/34960. From these analyses, it was evident that there is size heterogencity among the 200 kDa proteins from various strains. In order to assess the possible genetic heterogencity, representative strains were chosen for gene cloning. Strain Q8 is a naturally occurring relatively non-clumping strain that produces a 200 kDa protein of about the same size as the 4223-derived protein. Strain LES-1 produces a larger 200 kDa protein. These strains were also selected based upon bactericidal antibody data as illustrated in Table 1. The 200 kDa genes were cloned from these two strains of M. catarrhalis and sequenced.

The nucleotide and derived amino acid sequences of the 200 kDa genes from strains Q8 and LES-1 are shown in Figures 4 and 5 respectively. An alignment of the amino acid sequences with the 4223-derived sequence is shown in Figure 6. As can be seen, the first 68 residues of

the N-terminus are quite conserved, especially between strains 4223 and Q8. In addition, the final 456 residues of the C-terminus are nearly identical among the three strains. The remainder of the sequence has regions of high homology and significant diversity, including an insert of more than 300 residues for strain LES-1.

The N-terminal sequence of the 200 kDa proteins is homologous to the *H. influenzae* Hia and Hsf proteins, as well as other high molecular weight proteins or adhesins, such as AIDA (ref. 33).

The C-terminal region also has some homology to *H. influenzae* Hia and Hsf proteins as do some stretches of internal sequence. There is also some homology in the C-terminal region to UspA (ref. 23). A further indication of the relatedness of this family of proteins, is the finding that guinea pig anti-200 kDa antibody raised to gel-purified native protein was able to recognize recombinant Hia protein by immunoblot. This data has been described in copending United States Patent Application No. 09/268,347 (Hia) filed March 16, 1999, assigned to the assignee hereof and the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Example 6

This Example shows the expression of the full-length about 200 kDa protein from pKS294.

E. coli strain, BL21(DE3)/pLysS was transformed by electroporation with pKS294, prepared as described in Example 4, for the expression study of the full-length 200 kDa protein gene.

The product of the pKS294 construct was found to be toxic to the host *E. coli*. At room temperature, the BL21(DE3)/pLysS transformants grew very slowly on LB-agar plates containing ampicillin (Amp) and chloramphenicol (Cm) and at 37°C, no transformants were detected. When the transformants which grew at room temperature, were cultured overnight at 30°C on BHI agar containing the two antibiotics and glucose, they grew

well, producing colonies with a normal size. However, when these clones were cultured overnight in liquid medium at 30°C, subcultured into broth without glucose, and then induced by addition of IPTG, no recombinant protein was found on Western blot using anti-200 kDa protein serum. When the cells cultured overnight were examined before subculturing, a small quantity of recombinant 200 kDa protein was detected by SDS-PAGE stained with Coomassie Blue and by Western blot, showing that the gene was expressed during the overnight culture.

When *E. coli* strain, DH5α, which cannot express the gene under the control of a T7 promoter, was transformed with pKS294, the transformants grew well at 37°C both on LB-agar and in LB-broth containing the antibiotics. These results suggest that the gene product is very toxic to host *E. coli*, and that even a basal level of expression of the full-length 200 kDa protein gene from the ATG is lethal to *E. coli*.

M. catarrhalis strain LES-1 also produced similar toxicity in *E. coli* when the full length 200 kDa protein was expressed.

Example 7

This Example describes the deletion of a short 5'-sequence from the strain 4223 or strain LES-1 200 kDa protein gene and expression of the truncated genes producing a M56 r200 kDa product.

The deletion of a short 5' region from the 4223 200 kDa protein gene is shown in Figure 10 and was performed using a similar approach as described in Example 4. An about 500 bp 5' region of the 200 kDa gene was PCR amplified from strain 4223 using primers 5471.KS and 4257.KS (Table 8) from chromosomal DNA. The 5' primer (designated 5471.KS) was based upon the region surrounding the previously identified GTG downstream start codon. In primer 5471.KS, the flanking regions around the GTG codon were incorporated and the GTG was

mutated to ATG with further mutations used to introduce an *Nde*I site incorporating the new ATG. Using numbering from the full-length 200 kDa protein, the new start codon would be M56 replacing the previous V56 codon. The 3' primer (designated 4257.KS) was based upon the non-coding strand located about 500 bp downstream from the GTG codon in the 200 kDa protein gene. The PCR-product was digested with *Nde*I, purified using a QIAquick PCR purification kit (Qiagen Inc., Mississauga, Ont.), and inserted into *Nde*I digested and dephosphorylated pKS122 to provide pKS348 (see Figure 7). Plasmid pKS348 was confirmed by restriction enzyme analyses and by sequencing of the PCR-amplified DNA piece and its joint regions. The nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID No: 12) and the deduced amino acid sequence (SEQ ID No: 13) for the 5'-truncation contained in pKS348 are shown in Figure 8. A similar N-terminal truncated 200 kDa gene from strain LES-1 was generated in the same manner and was designated pKS444.

A single colony of *E. coli*, BL21(DE3)/pLysS, (KS358) which carried pKS348, was suspended in 5 ml of BHI broth containing Amp (100 μM), Cm (50 μM) and 0.4% of glucose, and cultured overnight at 37°C. To study the kinetics of expression, 2.5 ml of the overnight culture was added to 250 ml of LB (Luria-Bertani) broth containing Amp (100 μM) and Cm (50 μM), and grown with shaking at 37°C to A_{600} = 0.33 to 0.36. Another 0.3 ml of the overnight culture was added to 30 mL of LB broth containing Amp (100 μM) and Cm (50 μM) and grown with shaking at 37°C to A_{600} = 0.26 to 0.44. Gene expression from the cultures was induced by addition of IPTG (final concentration: 4 mM). The bacteria were grown and harvested at different time points by centrifugation. The expression of the 200 kDa protein gene in the culture was confirmed by SDS-PAGE analysis using Coomassie Blue staining and by Western blot analysis

using guinea pig anti-200 kDa protein serum, as described in USP 5,808,024 and WO 96/34960.

When *E. coli* BL21(DE3)/pLysS was transformed with pKS348, transformants grew well even on LB agar plates and in LB broth containing antibiotics at 37°C. After induction with IPTG, these clones produced a large amount of the N-terminally truncated r200 kDa protein which was clearly seen by SDS-PAGE Coomassie Blue stain, as shown in Figure 12.

The bacterial culture induced at A_{600} = 0.26 produced slightly more truncated r200 kDa protein than the culture induced when the OD reading was 0.44. The largest amount of truncated r200 kDa protein was seen at 3 hr after induction. Similar results were observed for the M56 r200 kDa expression from strain LES-1.

Example 8

This Example describes the purification of the M56 r200 kDa proteins from strain 4223 or LES-1, according to the procedure shown in Figure 11.

E. coli cell pellets were obtained from 500 ml culture prepared as described in Example 7, by centrifugation and were resuspended in 50 ml of 50 mM Tris-HC1, pH 8.0, containing 0.1 M NaCl, and disrupted by sonication. The sonicate was centrifuged at 20,000 xg for 30 min. and the resultant supernatant (sup1) was discarded. The pellet (ppt1) was extracted, in 50 ml of 50 mM Tris-HC1, pH 8.0 containing 0.5% Triton X-100 and 10 mM EDTA, then centrifuged at 20,000 xg for 30 min. and the supernatant (sup2) was discarded. The pellet (ppt2) was further extracted in 50 ml of 50 mM Tris-HC1, pH 8.0, containing 1% octylglucoside, then centrifuged at 20,000 xg for 30 min. and the supernatant (sup3) was discarded.

The resultant pellet (ppt3) contained the inclusion bodies. The pellet was solubilized in 6 ml of 50 mM Tris-HC1, pH 8.0, containing 6 M guanidine and 5 mM DTT. Twelve ml of 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0 was added, the

mixture centrifuged at 20,000 xg for 30 min, and the pellet (ppt4) discarded. The supernatant (sup4) was precipitated by adding polyethylene glycol (PEG) 4000 at a final concentration of 5% and incubated at 4°C for 30 min. The resultant pellet (ppt5) was removed by centrifugation at 20,000 xg for 30 min. The supernatant was then precipitated by $(NH_4)_2SO_4$ at 50% saturation at 4°C overnight. After the addition of $(NH_4)_2SO_4$, the solution underwent phase separation with protein going to the upper phase (as judged by the cloudiness of the layer). The upper phase was collected, then subjected to centrifugation at 20,000 xg for 30 min. The resultant pellet was collected and dissolved in 2 ml of 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0, containing 6 M guanidine and 5 mM DTT. The clear solution was purified on a Superdex 200 gel filtration column equilibrated in 50 mM Tris-HC1, pH 8.0, containing 2 M guanidine HC1. The fractions were analysed by SDS-PAGE and those containing the purified r200 kDa were pooled. The pooled fraction was concentrated 5 to 10 fold using a centriprep 30 and then dialysed overnight at 4°C against PBS, and centrifuged at 20,000 xg for 30 min to clarify.

The protein remained soluble under these conditions and glycerol was added to the M56 r200 kDa preparation at a final concentration of 20% for storage at -20°C (Figure 12). The average yield of the purified M56 r200 kDa protein is about 10 mg L^{-1} culture. The purified protein was used for the immunization of animals, as described below.

The procedure of this Example 8 and was repeated for *M. catarrhalis* strain LES-1 and a corresponding r200 kDa protein was produced. The N-terminal truncated M56 r200 kDa protein from strain LES-1 gave approximately the same recovery of purified protein as described above for strain 4223.

Example 9

This Example illustrates the immunogenicity of the M56 r200 kDa protein.

The immunogenicity of M56 r200 kDa, prepared as described in Example 8, was examined using mice and guinea pigs. Groups of five BALB/c mice (Charles River, Quebec) were immunized sub-cutaneously (s.c.) on days 1, 29 and 43 with 0.3, 1.3 and 10 μg of 4223 M56 r200 kDa antigen, prepared as described in Example 8, in the presence $AlPO_4$ (1.5 mg per dose). Blood samples were collected on days 0, 14, 28, 42 and 56.

Groups of five guinea pigs (Charles River, Quebec) were immunized i.m. on days 1, 29 and 43 with 25, 50 and 100 μg of 4223 M56 r200 kDa antigen prepared as described in Example 8, in the presence $AlPO_4$ (1.5 mg per dose). Blood samples were collected on days 0, 14, 28, 42 and 56.

Anti-M56 r200 kDa IgG titers were determined by antigen-specific enzyme-linked immunosorbent assays (EIAs). Microtiter wells (Nunc-MAXISORP, Nunc, Denmark) were coated with 50 μL of protein antigen 0.2 μg mL^{-1}). The reagents used in the assays were as follows: affinity-purified F(ab')2 fragments of goat anti-mouse IgG (Fc-specific) conjugated to horseradish peroxidase (Jackson ImmunoResearch Labs, Mississauga, Ontario); affinity-purified guinea pig anti-IgG antibody (1 μg ml^{-1}) (prepared by the inventors); and affinity-purified F(ab')2 fragment of goat anti-guinea pig IgG (H+L) antibodies conjugated to horseradish peroxidase (HRP) (Jackson ImmunoResearch Laboratories) used as a reporter. The reactions were developed using tetramethylbenzidine (TMB/H_2O_2, ADI, Mississauga, Ontario) and absorbancies were measured at 450 nm (using 540 nm as a reference wavelength) in a Flow Multiskan MCC microplate reader (ICN Biomedicals, Mississauga, Ontario). The reactive titer of an antiserum was defined

as the reciprocal of the dilution consistently showing a two-fold increase in absorbance over that obtained with the pre-bleed serum sample.

The mice generated dose-dependent anti-M56 r200 kDa antibody responses, as shown in Figure 14. These results clearly show that the protein remained immunogenic after inclusion bodies extraction, solubilization and purification. Only a slight difference in the antibody titers were found for the higher dose range tested in guinea pigs (Figure 15), indicating that the amount of antigen used was nearly at saturation.

Example 10

This Example describes the generation of hyper-immune sera against the M56 r200 kDa proteins in rabbits and guinea pigs.

To generate hyper-immune sera against M56 r200 kDa proteins, groups of two rabbits and two guinea pigs (Charles River, Quebec) were immunized intramuscularly (i.m.) on day 1 with a 5 μg dose of purified M56 r200 kDa protein, prepared as described in Example 8, emulsified in complete Freund's adjuvant (CFA). Animals were boosted on days 14 and 29 with the same dose of protein emulsified in incomplete Freund's adjuvant (IFA). Blood samples were taken on day 42 for analyzing the anti-M56 r200 kDa antibody titers and bactericidal activities. Anti-r200 kDa IgG titers were determined by antigen-specific enzyme-linked immunosorbent assays (EIAs), as described in Example 9. The results obtained in the two animals using r200 kDa protein from strains 4223 and LES-1 are illustrated in Table 6.

Example 11

This Example describes a bactericidal antibody assay.

The bactericidal antibody activity of guinea pig anti-M56 r200 kDa sera from 4223 or LES-1 protein prepared as described in Example 10 against various

strains of *M. catarrhalis* was estimated using a viability plating assay. Each test strain of *M. catarrhalis* was cultured overnight in brain heart infusion (BHI) broth (Difco Laboratories, Detroit, MI) at 37°C. The overnight culture was subcultured into 10 ml BHI broth, and grown to an absorbance at 578 nm of 0.5. The number of bacteria at A_{578} = 0.5 changes from strain to strain. Therefore, several ten-fold dilutions of each strain were used in order to achieve 100 to 300 colonies per plate for the preimmune serum group. Bacteria were diluted in Veronal buffered saline (VBS, pH 7.6) containing 140 mM NaCl, 93 mM $NaHCO_3$, 2 mM Na-barbiturate, 4 mM barbituric acid, 0.5 mM $MgCl_2.6H_20$, 0.4 mM $CaCl_2.2H_20$, and 0.1% bovine serum albumin. Guinea pig anti-M56 r200 kDa serum and pre-immune control serum were heated at 56°C for 30 min. to inactivate endogenous complement. Serum and antiserum were diluted in VBS, and placed on ice.

Twenty-five µl of diluted pre-immune serum or test antiserum were added to the wells of a 96-well Nunclon microtitre plate (Nunc, Roskilde, Denmark). Twenty-five µl of diluted bacterial cells were added to each of the wells. A guinea pig complement (BioWhittaker, Walkerville, MD) was diluted 1:10 in VBS, and 25 µl portions were added to each well. The plates were incubated for 60 min, gently shaking at 70 rpm on a rotary platform. Fifty µl of each reaction mixture were plated onto Mueller Hinton agar plates (Becton-Dickinson, Cockeysville, MD). The plates were incubated at 37°C for 24 hours, and then left at room temperature for a further 24 hours. The number of colonies per plate was counted, and average values of colonies per plate were estimated from duplicate pairs.

When pre-immune serum plates were compared with PBS control plates (no serum), pre-immune serum had no bactericidal effect on the homologous strain 4223.

Therefore, it was assumed that the number of colonies per plate on pre-immune serum plates represented 100% viability for each strain and percent bactericidal killing was calculated as follows:

$$100\% - \left[\frac{\text{average number of colonies per plate in anti-r200 kDa antiserum group} \times 100}{\text{average number of colonies per plate in pre-immune serum group}}\right]\%$$

When the bactericidal antibody activity of the 4223 anti-M56 r200 kDa antiserum was examined against the homologous strain (Table 7), 50% killing was observed at a serum dilution between 1/512 and 1/1024, showing that the antiserum raised against M56 r200 kDa protein possesses bactericidal antibody activity. Next, the bactericidal antibody activity of the antiserum was tested at a dilution of 1/64 against a total of 55 different strains, which were isolated from otitis media patients in various geographical locations (Table 1B). The antiserum raised against the M56 r200 kDa protein from strain 4223 showed more than 30% bactericidal antibody activity against 38 out of 56 (68%) strains examined. When LES-1 anti-M56 r200 kDa antibody was tested in the bactericidal antibody assay, 36/55 (65%) strains were killed, including 11 strains that were not killed by the 4223 anti-M56 r200 kDa antibody. Only six strains out of 55 strains examined were not killed by either one of the two antisera. These results indicate that the 200 kDa protein is a very good candidate for inclusion in an otitis media vaccine.

Example 12

This Example describes the inhibition of binding of *M. catarrhalis* strains to either Chang or Hep-2 epithelial cells by 4223 anti-M56 r200 kDa serum.

The 200 kDa protein had previously been proposed to be an adhesin on the basis of its apparent absence from a spontaneous non-clumping variant of strain 4223. This strain, obtained by serial passaging of culture supernatants, was designated RH408 and is described in WO 96/34960. Electron microcopy also suggested that the

200 kDa protein was an adhesin. The sequence homology demonstrated between the *M. catarrhalis* 200 kDa proteins and other high molecular weight adhesins from different organisms, also suggested that it was an adhesin. Based upon these observations, an assay was developed to try to demonstrate that anti-r200 kDa antibody could block adherence between *M. catarrhalis* and epithelial cells, thus identifying it definitively as an adhesin.

On day 1, 24 well tissue culture plates were seeded with approximately 3 x 10^5 Chang cells per well, to achieve a confluent monolayer following overnight incubation at 37°C in the presence of 5% CO_2. *M. catarrhalis* 4223 or Q8 was cultured in 10 ml of BHI broth at 37°C for 18 hr, shaking at 200 rpm.

On day 2, bacterial cultures were pelleted by centrifugation at 3500 rpm for 10 min, and washed with 10 ml of PBS. After a centrifugation as above, each pellet was resuspended in 2 ml of DMEM supplemented with 10% FBS and 2 mM glutamine. The bacteria cultures were diluted 1/10 in the supplemented DMEM to OD of approximately 1.8 at 578 nm. Confluent monolayers of Chang cells were washed once with 1 ml of PBS per well, and 0.5 ml of 10% BSA in PBS was added to each well as a blocking agent. Plates were incubated at 37°C for 30 min and monolayers were washed twice with PBS as above.

A guinea pig anti-4223 M56 r200 kDa antiserum, prepared as described in Example 10 and pooled pre-immune guinea pig sera were heated at 56°C for 30 min to inactivate endogenous complement. Equal volumes of appropriately diluted antisera and bacteria were mixed, and 200 µl of the mixture were added into each well. Examples of antiserum dilutions tested included 1/4, 1/16 and 1/64. The plate was incubated at 37°C for 1 hr, with gentle shaking. The plate was carefully washed four times with 1 ml of PBS per well to remove the bacteria. To each well, 100 µl of trypsin were added, and the

plate was incubated at 37°C for 5 min. After inactivation of trypsin by addition of 900 µl Dulbecco's Minimal Essential Medium (DMEM) to each well, the cells were resuspended by pipetting up and down several times.

Ten-fold dilutions of resuspended cells were prepared in a new 96-well plate. Fifty µl each of the 1 x 10^{-2}, 1 x 10^{-3}, 1 x 10^{-4} and 1 x 10^{-5} diluted samples were plated on a Mueller-Hinton agar plate. Plates were incubated at 37°C overnight, and then left at room temperature for a further 24 hours. The number of colonies per plate was counted for the estimation of the total bound bacteria.

Dilution plating was also carried out for each bacterial strain, to estimate bacterial concentrations and to calculate the total amount of bacteria added to each well. It was assumed that the number of bacteria bound to tissue culture cells in the presence of pre-immune sera represented 100% optimal binding for each assay, and 0% inhibition. Therefore, in order to calculate the percent inhibition of the antiserum, we used the following formula:

$$\%\ \text{inhibition} = 100 - \left[\frac{\text{total bacteria bound in 4223 anti-r200 kDa antiserum samples}}{\text{total bacteria bound in pre-immune sera samples}} \times 100 \right]$$

When the guinea pig 4223 anti-M56 r200 kDa protein serum was examined for the inhibition of binding of strain 4223 to Chang cells (Table 8), inhibition of 98%, 92% and 83% was observed at antiserum dilutions of 1/4, 1/16 and 1/64, respectively. With the heterologous strain Q8, the inhibition of binding to the tissue culture cells was estimated to be 77%, 82% and 55% at antiserum dilutions of 1/4, 1/16 and 1/64, respectively. The results clearly showed that anti-M56 r200 kDa protein serum inhibited the binding of *M. catarrhalis* to cultured human epithelial cells.

Having demonstrated that 4223 anti-M56 r200 kDa antibody could block adherence of *M. catarrhalis* strains 4223 or Q8 to Chang epithelial cells in a dose-dependent

manner, the studies were extended to other strains. Of particular interest, were those strains that were not killed by anti-M56 r200 kDa antisera in the bactericidal antibody assay. To perform the *in vitro* adherence assay on several strains, a single antibody dilution of 1/16 was used. The data for inhibition of *in vitro* adherence to Hep-2 cells is summarized in Table 9. The procedure for the Hep-2 epithelial cells was identical to the Chang cell procedure described above. The 4223 anti-M56 r200 kDa antibody effectively blocked adherence of the homologous strain by 48%. Strain RH408 does not express the 200 kDa gene and in the assay, antibody inhibited adherence of RH408 to 9%. This would be assumed to be a background level. Of 20 strains tested, 16 were inhibited at rates higher than 9%. Among these strains were 19 strains that had not been killed by the 4223 anti-M56 r200 kDa antibody.

To summarize and as shown in Tables 1, 8 and 9, in our collection of 89 strains of *Moraxella catarrhalis*, 80 express 200 kDa. Of 57 strains tested with 4223 anti-M56 r200 kDa antibody in the bactericidal antibody assay, 39 were killed (58%). An additional 15 strains were inhibited from binding to epithelial cells by the same antibody for a total of 54 strains (95%), against which a single antibody was effective. These data demonstrate the very high potential of r200 kDa proteins as vaccine antigens.

Example 13

This Example describes the sequence analysis of the 200 kDa protein gene from *M. catarrhalis* strain RH408, the non-clumping variant of 4223 described in WO 96/34960.

As described in Example 4 and Table 5, it appeared that the number of G nucleotides in the G tract had a regulatory function on the expression of the 200 kDa gene. *M. catarrhalis* strain 4223 and its non-clumping derivative RH408 appeared to differ only in the

expression of the 200 kDa gene. The 200 kDa gene from strain RH408 was subcloned and sequenced and its sequence compared to the parental gene from strain 4223.

Four partially overlapping fragments of the 200 kDa protein gene were PCR amplified from strain *M. catarrhalis* RH408, using primers illustrated in Figure 16 and Table 10, under the conditions set out in Table 11. The combined sequences of the four PCR products covered approximately 6.5 kb including the entire 200 kDa protein gene and its flanking regions. When the sequence of the 6.5 kb fragment was compared with the sequence of the same region from its parent strain 4223, the only difference was the number of G nucleotides in the G tract. As described in Example 4, the correct number of G nucleotides in the G tract was nine. However, the number G nucleotides in the G tract of RH408 was only eight.

This result, along with the analysis of this region in 24 other strains of *M. catarrhalis* (Table 5) strongly suggests that the number of G nucleotides in the G tract controls the expression of the 200 kDa gene in *M. catarrhalis* strains. Similar mechanisms of transcriptional control are found for other bacterial genes, such as the *N. gonorrhehoae Pilc* gene (ref. 32).

Example 14

This Example describes the generation of additional N-terminal truncated r200 kDa proteins and expression studies.

As described in Example 6, the full-length r200 kDa protein appeared to be toxic to *E. coli* and could not be expressed under normal induction conditions. The M56 r200 kDa proteins were readily expressed, as described in Example 7, and were subsequently shown to be highly promising vaccine candidates in *in vitro* assays (Examples 11 and 12). The expression of r200 kDa proteins of intermediate length and their properties was studied.

Three additional N-terminal truncated 200 kDa genes were constructed from the 4223 200 kDa gene using the procedures described in Example 7. The sites of truncation were chosen based upon and are illustrated in Figure 17. The arrows in Figure 17 indicate the sites of truncation, namely ALA^{12}, VAL^{19} and GLY^{39}, each modified to MET. A 5' fragment up to an internal site was PCR amplified using primers illustrated in Table 8. For the ALA^{12} truncation, the primers were 5′ 6242.ks and 3′ 4257.ks, for the VAL^{19} truncation, the primers were 5′ 6243.ks and 3′ 4257.ks and for the $GL4^{39}$ truncation, the primers were 5′ 6244.ks and 3′ 4257.ks (Table 10). The amplification conditions were the same as those used for pKS348 (Table 11). The PCR products were restricted with *Nde*I and ligated into the *Nde*I sites of pKS348 for expression. While some expression of r200 kDa was obtained with each of the N-terminal truncations, the level did not approach the levels obtained using pKS348.

<u>Example 15</u>

This Example illustrates the construction of plasmids pQWE and pQWF expressing C-terminal fragments of the 200 kDa gene.

As shown in the amino acid comparison of Figure 6, the carboxy half of the 200 kDa protein in quite conserved, the main difference being a large approximately 300 amino acid residue insert in strain LES-1. Since so much cross-reactivity for the anti-M56 r200 kDa antisera had been observed, the conserved carboxy half of the protein was expressed.

Plasmid pKS348 prepared as described in Example 7 was digested with restriction enzymes, *Nde* I and *Nae* I, producing four fragments. The approximately 5.8 kb *Nde* I/*Nae* I fragment containing the T7 promoter, ampicillin antibiotic resistance marker and the 3' end of the 200 kDa gene was agarose gel purified. The approximately 480 bp *Nde* I/*Nde* I fragment containing the 5' end of the 200 kDa gene was also gel purified. This approximately

480 bp fragment was then restriction digested with the enzymes *Nla* IV and *Pst* I and the *Nde* I/*Nla* IV fragment ligated to the previously isolated 5.8 kb *Nde* I/*Nae* I fragment to produce plasmid pQWE, as illustrated in Figure 19. This plasmid construct contained a 200 kDa gene with the *Nla* IV to *Nae* I fragment deleted. This plasmid construct resulted, upon expression as described in Example 7, in a fusion 200 kDa protein containing a very short piece of the 5' end and the 3' half of the 200 kDa protein.

An approximately 500 bp fragment around the *Eco* RI site in the 200 kDa gene from plasmid pKS348 was PCR amplified utilizing a 5' oligonucleotide, 6425.KS and a 3' oligonucleotide 4272.KS (Table 10) using the conditions outlined in Table 11. The 5' oligonucleotide was synthesized with an ATG translational start codon and a *Nde* I restriction site, while the 3' oligonucleotide was synthesized with an *Eco* RI site. The approximately 500 bp PCR fragment was the restriction digested with the enzymes *Nde* I and *Eco* RI. Plasmid pQWE, prepared as described above, was restriction digested with *Nde* I and *Eco* RI as illustrated in Figure 20, and this larger fragment agarose gel purified. The *Nde* I/*Eco* RI PCR fragment was then ligated into the isolated *Nde* I/*Eco* RI fragment from pQWE, to produce plasmid pQWF. This construct expresses a 5' truncated 200 kDa protein, having only the 3' half of this protein from the region about 40 bp upstream of the *Nde* I site to the 3' end.

The constructs pQWE and pQWF, prepared as described above and as illustrated in Figures 19 and 20, were expressed in *E. coli* strain BL21(DE3)/pLysS as described in Example 7. The C-terminal half proteins were obtained at levels of expression approximately twice those achieved using pKS348. Corresponding constructs were prepared from strain LES-1 and produced comparable results.

Antiserum was raised against the C-terminal half of 200 kDa protein produced from construct pQWE following the procedure of Example 10 and was employed in the bactericidal assay described in Example 11. As may be seen in Table 1B the antiserum showed more than 30% of killing against 30 out of 31 strains which were killed by the bactericidal assay using antiserum raised against the product from pKS348.

SUMMARY OF THE DISCLOSURE

In summary of this disclosure, nucleotide sequences encoding an about 200 kDa outer membrane protein from several strains of *Moraxella catarrhalis* are described along with recombinant production of such protein. Modifications are possible within the scope of this invention.

Table 1A

Examination of 200 kDa protein in *M. catarrhalis* strains

STRAIN	ANATOMICAL ORIGIN	SOURCE	EXPRESSION OF 200 kDa PROTEIN
4223	MID. EAR FLUID	T.F. MURPHY	+++
RH408	MUTANT OF 4223		-
3	SPUTUM	"	-
56	SPUTUM	"	-
135	MID. EAR FLUID	'	+++
585	BACTEREMIA	"	+
5191	MID. EAR FLUID	"	+++
8185	NASOPHARYNX	"	+++
M2	SPUTUM	"	+++
M5	SPUTUM	"	-
ATCC25240		ATCC	-
H-04	OTITIS	G.D. CAMPBELL	+++
H-12	"	"	-
PO-34	"	"	+++
PO-51	"	"	+++
E-07	"	"	+++
E-22	"	"	+++
E-23	"	"	+++
E-24	"	"	+++
M-02	"	"	+++
M-20	"	"	+++
M-29	"	"	+++
M-32	"	"	+++
M-35	"	"	+++
Q-2	EXPECTORATION	M.G. BERGERON	+
Q-6	"	"	-
Q-8	"	"	+++
Q-9	"	"	-
Q-10	"	"	+++
Q-11	"	"	+++
Q-12	"	"	-
R-1	BRONCHIAL SECRETIONS	"	+
R-2	"	"	-
R-4	OTITIS	"	+++
R-5	"	"	+++
R-6	"	"	+++
R-7	"	"	+++
N-209	BLOOD	'	+++
VH-1	OTITIS	V. HOWIE	+++
VH-2	"	"	+++
VH-3	"	"	+++
VH-4	"	"	+++
VH-5	"	"	+++
VH-6	"	"	+++
VH-7	"	"	+++

VH-8	"	"	+++
VH-9	"	"	+++
VH-10	"	"	+++
VH-11	"	"	+++
VH-12	"	"	+++
VH-13	"	"	+++
VH-14	"	"	+++
VH-15	"	"	+++
VH-16	"	"	+++
VH-17	"	"	+++
VH-18	"	"	+++
VH-19	"	"	+++
VH-20	"	"	+++
VH-23	"	"	+++
VH-24	"	"	+++
VH-25	"	"	+++
VH-26	"	"	+++
VH-27	"	"	+++
VH-28	"	"	+++
VH-29	"	"	+++
VH-30	"	"	+++
LES1	OTITIS	L.S. STENFORS	+++
LES2	"	"	+++
LES4	"	"	+++
LES5	"	"	+++
LES6	"	"	+++
LES7	"	"	+++
LES8	"	"	+++
LES9	"	"	+++
LES10	"	"	+++
LES11	"	"	+++
LES12	"	"	+++
LES13	"	"	+++
LES16	"	"	+++
LES17	"	"	+++
LES21	"	"	+++
30607	OTITIS	C.W. FORD	+++
CJ1	"	C. JOHNSON	+++
CJ3	"	"	+++
CJ4	"	"	+++
CJ7	"	"	+++
CJ8	"	"	+++
CJ9	"	"	+++
CJ11	"	"	+++

Bacteria were lysed and proteins were separated on SDS-PAGE gels. The expression of 200 kDa protein was examined by Coomassie Blue staining and by Western blot using anti-200 kDa protein guinea pig serum.

TABLE 1B

Bactericidal assay results against *Moraxella catarrhalis* using antisera raised against recombinant M56 200 kDa protein from strains 4223 and LES1, and recombinant C-terminal half of 200 kDa protein from strain 4223.

STRAIN	Killed by anti-M56 200 kDa from 4223	Killed by anti-C-terminal half of 200 kDa from 4223	Killed by anti-M56 200 kDa from LES1
4223	++	++	-
135	++	++	++
H-04	++	++	?
H-12*	-	NT	-
PO-34	-	NT	++
PO-51	-	NT	-
E-07	-	NT	++
E-22	++	++	-
E-24	-	NT	-
M-02	++	++	++
M-20	++	+	-
M-29	++	++	++
M-32	++	++	++
M-35	++	++	++
R4	-	NT	++
R5	++	++	++
R6	++	+	+
R7	++	NT	?
Q8**	++	+	NT
VH-1	++	NT	++
VH-2	++	NT	++
VH-4	-	NT	++
VH-5	++	++	-
VH-7	++	+	?
VH-8	++	++	++
VH-9	-	NT	++
VH-10	++	++	++
VH-13	-	NT	-
VH-15	++	++	++
VH-17	-	NT	-
VH-19	++	++	++
VH-20	+	+	++
VH-23	+	NT	++
VH-24	++	++	-
VH-25	-	NT	++
VH-26	-	NT	++
VH-27	-	NT	-
VH-28	+	NT	-
VH-29	++	++	++
VH-30	-	NT	++
LES1	-	NT	++
LES2	++	++	+
LES4	+	NT	++
LES5	-	NT	++
LES9	++	++	++
LES11	+	+	+
LES12	-	NT	?
LES13	-	NT	++
LES16	+	++	++
LES17	++	++	-
LES21	++	++	-
30607	+	NT	++

CJ1	++	++	++
CJ3	++	-	++
CJ4	++	++	++
CJ7	++	++	++
CJ8	++	++	?

* This strain does not produce 200 kDa protein.

** This is the only non-otitis media strain (isolated from expectorate) in this Table.

++: Killed more than 60% (>60%), +: killed between 30% and 60%, -: killed 30% or less, NT: not tested, ?: the results not tested.

TABLE 2

The number of G nucleotides in the G tract of the 200 kDa protein gene determined by sequencing of subcloned genes from a λEMBL3 clone.

Plasmid*	Number of G's
pKS10	10
pKS59	10
PKS63	10
PKS71	10

* pKS10 and pKS71 carried a DNA insert directly subcloned from a λEMBL3 clone. pKS59 and pKS63 carried a subcloned DNA fragment, pKS9, which was a subclone from an λEMBL3 clone. pKS59, pKS63 and pKS71 carried identical DNA inserts.

TABLE 3

The number of G nucleotides in the G tract of the 200 kDa protein gene amplified by PCR from subcloned genes

Primers	Template DNA	Number of G's
4211 and 4213	pKS9	10
4211 and 4213	pKS10	10
4211 and 4213	pKS71	10

* pKS9, pKS10 and pKS71, which contain a 5' fragment of the 200 kDa protein gene, were independently subcloned from the λEMBL3 clone.

TABLE 4

The number of G nucleotides in the G tract of the 200 kDa protein gene amplified by PCR from chromosomal DNA of strain 4223

Primers	Template	Number of G
4211 and 4166	4223B	9
4211 and 4213	4223B	9
4211 and 4213	4223R	9

* The template chromosomal DNAs, 4223B and 4223R, were independently prepared from *M. catarrhalis* strain 4223.

TABLE 5

The number of G nucleotides in the G tract in different strains of *M. catarrhalis*

Expression	Number of G	Number of strains examined	Possible start codon
+++	3	1	ATG
+++	6	7	ATG
+++	9	7	ATG
+	10	3	GTG
-	7	3	GTG
-	8	2	GTG
-	9	1*	ATG
Total		24	

* The 200 kDa protein gene of this strain was prematurely terminated by a stop codon.

TABLE 6

Anti-M56 r200 kDa antibody titers in guinea pig and rabbit sera

ANTISERA	ANTIBODY TITERS	
	Against M56 r200 kDa (4223)	Against M56 r200 kDa (LES-1)
Gp anti-r200 kDa (4223)	204,800 409,600	102,400 409,600
Gp anti-r200 kDa (LES1)	204,800 102,400	1,638,400 1,638,400
Rb anti-r200 kDa (4223)	102,400 102,400	102,400 102,400
Rb anti-r200 kDa (LES1)	25,600 102,400	204,800 409,600

TABLE 7

Killing of *M. catarrhalis* strain 4223 by the bactericidal antibody activity of guinea pig anti-M56 r200 kDa protein serum

Serum dilution	1/64	1/128	1/256	1/512	1/1024
Killing %	97%	95%	95%	80%	38%

* The guinea pig antiserum was raised against M56 r200 kDa protein from strain 4223, and the bactericidal antibody activity of the serum at various dilutions were examined against the strain 4223.

TABLE 8

Inhibition of the binding of *M. catarrhalis* strains to Chang cells by guinea pig anti-M56 r200 kDa protein serum

Strain	1/4	1/16	1/64
4223	98%	92%	83%
Q8	77%	82%	55%

* The guinea pig antiserum was raised against M56 r200 kDa protein from strain 4223.

TABLE 9

Inhibition of *in vitro* adherence of *Moraxella catarrhalis* to Hep-2 cells by antiserum raised against recombinant 200 kDa protein from strain 4223

STRAIN	Inhibition
4223*	+++
PO-34	+++
PO-51	++
E-07	++
R4	++
VH-4	++
VH-9	-
VH-13	+
VH-17	++
VH-23	++
VH-25	++
VH-26	+++
VH-27	+
VH-28	+++
LES1	++
LES4	-
LES12	-
LES13	-
30607	+

+++: Inhibition was 30% or higher, ++: Inhibition was 20% to 30%, +: Inhibition was 15% to 20%, -: Inhibition was lower than 15%.

*: This strain is the positive control, and the only strain in this Table, which was killed by the bactericidal activity of anti-recombinant 200 kDa protein serum.

TABLE 10

Nucleotide sequences of primers used for PCR amplifications

PRIMER	NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE	SEQ ID No:
4211.KS	GATGCCTACGAGTTGATTTGGGT	14
4213.KS	GAGCGTTGCACCGATCACGAGGA	15
4166.KS	CACTAGCCTTTACATCACCACCGATG	16
5295.KS	AAGGTAAACCCATATGAATCACATCTATAAAGTCA	17
4260.KS	GCTTCTAGCTGTGCCACATTGA	18
5471.KS	CGCTCGCTGTCCATATGATCGGTGCAACGCTCA	19
4257.KS	GACCCTGTGCATATGACATGGCT	20
4254.KS	CCTTGGCATCAATCGTGGCACA	21
4278.KS	TTACCTGCATCAATGCCATTGTCT	22
4329.KS	CTGAGGTGAATACAACTACA	23
4272.KS	CATCAGAGGTCTTTGAGGTGTCAT	24
4118.KS	CATCACCGTGGGTCAAAAGAACGCA	25
4267.KS	GATGTCGGCAATGTTTACCTGA	26
4269.KS	CCACATTGACCAGTACTGGCACAGGTGCTA	27
4981.KS	ACCTATGATCAATGGCGATTTGGT	28
6425.KS	AAAGATCATATGGTTACCTTTGGCATTAAC	29
6242	GTCATCTTTCATATGGCCACAGGCACA	30
6243	ACATTTATGCATATGGCAGAGTACGCCA	31
6244	GCTACAGGGCATATGGGCAGTGTATGCACT	32

TABLE 11

PCR Cycle Conditions

1. For the construction of pKS294, oligonucleotides 5295 and 4260 and of pKS348, oligonucleotides 5471 and 4257:
   95°C for 2 min → 95°C for 1 min, 60°C for 30 sec, 72°C for 1 min (10 cycles) → 95°C for 1 min, 62°C for 30 sec, 72°C for 1 min (20 cycles with extension of 1 sec/cycle) → 72°C for 10 min → 4°C.
2. For the construction of pQWF, oligonucleotides 6425 and 4272:
   95°C for 2 min → 95°C for 1 min, 60°C for 30 sec, 72°C for 1 min (10 cycles) → 95°C for 1 min, 60°C for 30 sec, 72°C for 1 min (20 cycles with extension of 1 sec/cycle) → 72°C for 10 min → 4°C.
3. For the amplification of 700 bp fragment for sequencing the G-nucleotide tract from different strains, oligonucleotides 4211 and 4166.
   95°C for 2 min → 95°C for 1 min, 60°C for 1 min, 72°C for 2 min (10 cycles) → 95°C for 1 min, 60°C for 1 min, 72°C for 2 min (20 cycles with extension of 5 sec/cycle) → 72°C for 10 min → 4°C.
4. For sequencing 200 kDa protein from *M. catarrhalis* strain RH408,
   (a) oligonucleotides 4254 and 4278; 4118 and 4267; and 4269 and 4981:
   95°C for 2 min → 95°C for 1 min, 62°C for 30 sec, 72°C for 1 min (10 cycles) → 95°C for 1 min, 62°C for 30 sec, 72°C for 1 min (20 cycles with extension of 2 sec/cycle) → 72°C for 10 min → 4°C.
   (b) oligonucleotides 4329 and 4272
   95°C for 2 min → 95°C for 1 min, 58°C for 30 sec, 72°C for 1 min 30 sec (10 cycles) → 95°C for 1 min, 58°C for 30 sec, 72°C for 1 min 30 sec (20 cycles with extension of 1 sec/cycle) → 72°C for 10 min → 4°C.

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CLAIMS

What we claim is:

1. An isolated and purified nucleic acid molecule having a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a nucleotide sequence set forth in Figure 3, 4 or 5 (SEQ ID Nos: 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12) for *Moraxella catarrhalis* strains 4223, Q8 and LES-1 respectively or the complementary sequence thereto,

(b) a nucleotide sequence encoding an about 200 kDa outer membrane protein of a strain of *Moraxella catarrhalis* and having the derived amino acid sequence shown in Figures 3, 4 or 5 (SEQ ID Nos: 7, 10, 13) for *Moraxella catarrhalis* strains 4223, Q8 and LES-1 respectively, and

(c) a nucleotide sequence encoding an about 200 kDa outer membrane protein of another strain of *Moraxella catarrhalis* which is characterized by a tract of consecutive G nucleotides which is 3 or a multiple thereof in length, an ATG start codon about 80 to 90 bp upstream of said tract and said tract being located between about amino acids 25 and 35 encoded by the nucleotide sequence.

2. The nucleic acid molecule of claim 1 wherein said another strain of *Moraxella catarrhalis* in (c) is a strain as identified in Table 1A other than strains 4223, Q8 and LES-1 and expressing an about 200 kDa protein.

3. An isolated and purified nucleic acid molecule having a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a nucleotide sequence set forth in Figure 8 (SEQ ID No: 12) for a 5'-truncation of the gene encoding an about 200 kDa outer membrane protein of *Moraxella catarrhalis* strain 4223,

(b) a nucleotide sequence encoding the derived amino acid sequence set forth in Figure 9 (SEQ ID No: 13) for a N-terminal truncation of an about 200 kDa outer membrane protein of *Moraxella catarrhalis* strain 4223, and

(c) a nucleotide sequence encoding a 5'-truncation of a gene encoding an about 200 kDa outer membrane protein of another strain of *Moraxella catarrhalis* and being capable of expressing the corresponding N-terminally truncated about 200 kDa outer membrane protein from *E. coli*.

4. An isolated and purified nucleic acid molecule which is a contiguous *Nde* I - *Pst* I fragment of SEQ ID No: 5.

5. A vector for transforming a host comprising a nucleic acid molecule as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4.

6. The vector of claim 5 which is a plasmid vector.

7. The vector of claim 5 which has the identifying characteristics of pKS348 (ATCC 203529) shown in Figure 10 or pKS294 (ATCC 203528) shown in Figure 9.

8. The vector of claim 5 which has the identifying characteristic of pQWE shown in Figure 19 or pQWF shown in Figure 20.

9. A host cell transformed by a vector as claimed in claim 5 and expressing an about 200 kDa protein of a strain of *Moraxella catarrhalis* or an approximately C-terminal half thereof.

10. The host cell of claim 9 which is *E. coli*.

11. A recombinant about 200 kDa outer membrane protein of a strain of *Moraxella catarrhalis* or an approximately C-terminal half thereof producible by the transformed host of claim 9.

12. The recombinant protein of claim 11 producible in inclusion bodies.

13. An immunogenic composition comprising the recombinant about 200 kDa outer membrane protein or an approximately C-terminal half thereof of claim 11.

14. The immunogenic composition of claim 13 formulated as a vaccine for *in vivo* administration to protect against disease caused by *Moraxella catarrhalis*.

15. The immunogenic composition of claim 13 in combination with a targeting molecule for delivery to specific cells of the immune system or to mucosal surfaces.

16. The immunogenic composition of claim 13 formulated as a microparticle, capsule or liposome preparation.

17. The immunogenic composition of claim 13 further comprising an adjuvant.

18. A method of inducing protection against disease caused by *Moraxella catarrhalis*, comprising administering to a susceptible host an effective amount of the immunogenic composition of claim 13.

19. The method of claim 18 wherein said susceptible host is a human.

20. A method for the production of an about 200 kDa outer membrane protein of a strain of *Moraxella catarrhalis* or an approximately C-terminal half thereof, which comprises:

transforming a host with a vector as claimed in claim 5,

growing the host cell to express the encoded about 200 kDa protein or an approximately C-terminal half thereof, and

isolating and purifying the expressed about 200 kDa protein or an approximately C-terminal half thereof.

21. The method of claim 20 wherein the host cell is *E. coli*.

22. The method of claim 20 wherein said encoded about 200 kDa protein is expressed in inclusion bodies.

23. The method of claim 22 wherein said isolation and purification of the expressed about 200 kDa protein is effected by:

disrupting the grown transformed cells to produce a supernatant and the inclusion bodies,

solubilizing the inclusion bodies to produce a solution of the recombinant about 200 kDa protein,

chromatographically purifying the solution of recombinant about 200 kDa protein free from contaminating proteins, and

isolating the purified recombinant about 200 kDa protein.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An isolated and purified outer membrane protein of a *Moraxella* strain, particularly *M. catarrhalis*, having a molecular mass of about 200 kDa, is provided by recombinant means. The about 200 kDa outer membrane protein as well as nucleic acid molecules encoding the same are useful in diagnostic applications and immunogenic compositions, particularly for *in vivo* administration to a host to confer protection against disease caused by a bacterial pathogen that produces the about 200 kDa outer membrane protein or produces a protein capable of inducing antibodies in a host specifically reactive with the about 200 kDa outer membrane protein.

FIGURE 1

Subclones of portions of the 200 kDa protein gene from λEMBL3 clone 8II and PCR amplification of 5' region

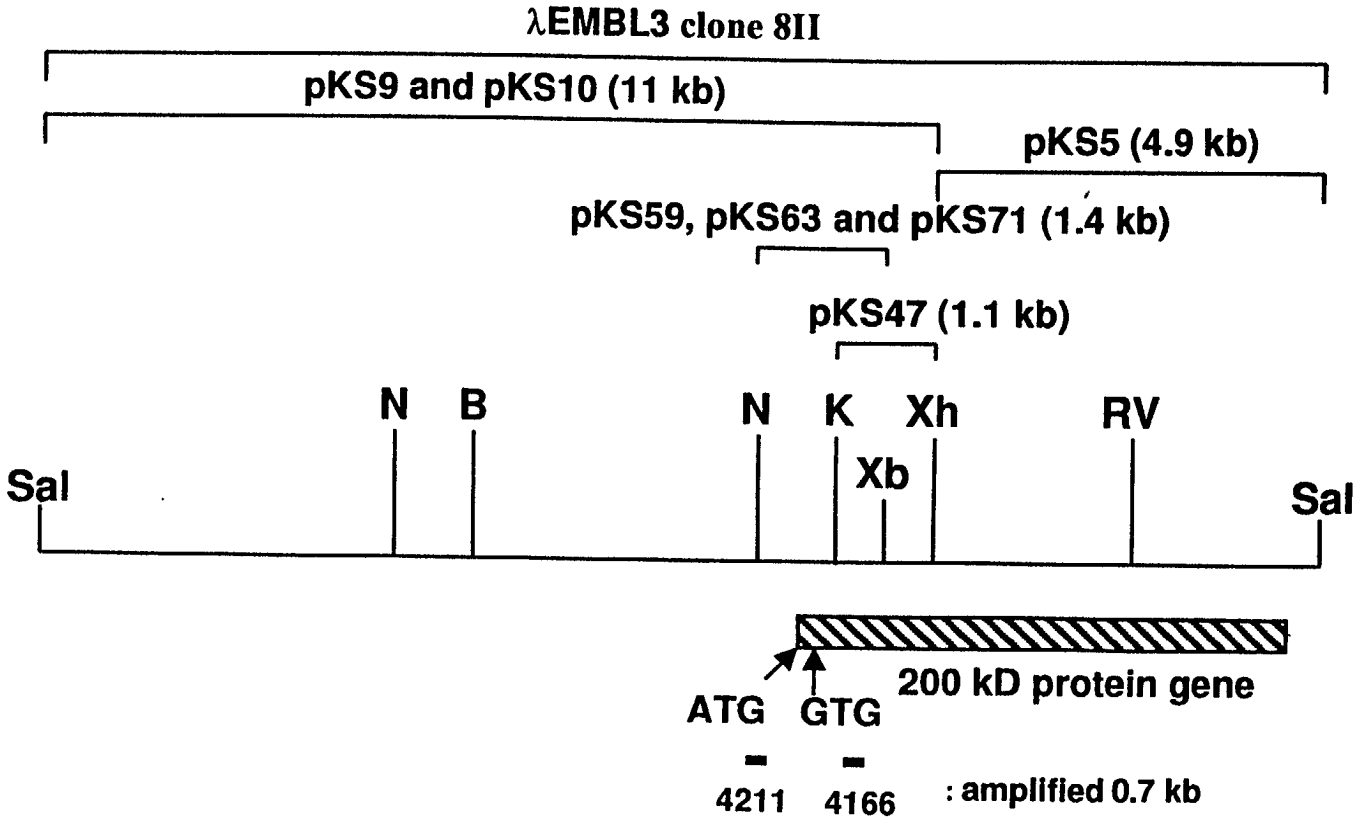

Figure 2. *M. catarrhalis* strain 4223 λEMBL3 clone 200kDa gene

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Gln Leu Tyr Lys Ala Thr Gln Ser Ile Ala Asn Ala Thr Asn Glu Leu
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Ser Ala Met Ala Met Ala Ser Met Pro Gln Ala Tyr Ile Pro Gly Arg
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Ser Met Val Thr Gly Gly Ile Ala Thr His Asn Gly Gln Gly Ala Val
1940                1945                1950                1955

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Figure 3. *M. catarrhalis* strain 4223 genomic 200kDa gene.

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1075 1080 1085

agc aaa gac ggc att aac gca ggt ggt aaa aag att acc aac att caa 3853
Ser Lys Asp Gly Ile Asn Ala Gly Gly Lys Lys Ile Thr Asn Ile Gln

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   1090                1095                1100

tca ggt gag att gcc caa aac agc cat gat gct gtg aca ggc ggc aag   3901
Ser Gly Glu Ile Ala Gln Asn Ser His Asp Ala Val Thr Gly Gly Lys
1105                1110                1115                1120

att tat gat tta aaa acc gaa ctt gaa aac aaa atc agc agt act gcc   3949
Ile Tyr Asp Leu Lys Thr Glu Leu Glu Asn Lys Ile Ser Ser Thr Ala
                1125                1130                1135

aaa aca gca caa aac tca tta cac gaa ttc tca gta gca gat gaa caa   3997
Lys Thr Ala Gln Asn Ser Leu His Glu Phe Ser Val Ala Asp Glu Gln
            1140                1145                1150

ggt aat aac ttt acg gtt agt aac cct tac tcc agt tat gac acc tca   4045
Gly Asn Asn Phe Thr Val Ser Asn Pro Tyr Ser Ser Tyr Asp Thr Ser
        1155                1160                1165

aag acc tct gat gtc atc acc ttt gca ggt gaa aac ggc att acc acc   4093
Lys Thr Ser Asp Val Ile Thr Phe Ala Gly Glu Asn Gly Ile Thr Thr
    1170                1175                1180

aag gta aat aaa ggt gtg gtg cgt gtg ggc att gac caa acc aaa ggc   4141
Lys Val Asn Lys Gly Val Val Arg Val Gly Ile Asp Gln Thr Lys Gly
1185                1190                1195                1200

tta acc acg cct aag ctg acc gtg ggt aat aat aat ggc aaa ggc att   4189
Leu Thr Thr Pro Lys Leu Thr Val Gly Asn Asn Asn Gly Lys Gly Ile
                1205                1210                1215

gtc att gac agc caa aat ggt caa aat acc atc aca gga cta agc aac   4237
Val Ile Asp Ser Gln Asn Gly Gln Asn Thr Ile Thr Gly Leu Ser Asn
            1220                1225                1230

act cta gct aat gtt acc aat gat aaa ggt agc gta cgc acc aca gaa   4285
Thr Leu Ala Asn Val Thr Asn Asp Lys Gly Ser Val Arg Thr Thr Glu
        1235                1240                1245

cag ggc aat ata atc aaa gac gaa gac aaa acc cgt gcc gcc agc att   4333
Gln Gly Asn Ile Ile Lys Asp Glu Asp Lys Thr Arg Ala Ala Ser Ile
    1250                1255                1260

gtt gat gtg cta agc gca ggc ttt aac ttg caa ggc aat ggt gaa gcg   4381
Val Asp Val Leu Ser Ala Gly Phe Asn Leu Gln Gly Asn Gly Glu Ala
1265                1270                1275                1280

gtt gac ttt gtc tcc act tat gac acc gtc aac ttt gcc gat ggc aat   4429
Val Asp Phe Val Ser Thr Tyr Asp Thr Val Asn Phe Ala Asp Gly Asn
                1285                1290                1295

gcc acc acc gct aag gtg acc tat gat gac aca agc aaa acc agt aaa   4477
Ala Thr Thr Ala Lys Val Thr Tyr Asp Asp Thr Ser Lys Thr Ser Lys
            1300                1305                1310

gtg gtc tat gat gtc aat gtg gat gat aca acc att gaa gtt aaa gat   4525
Val Val Tyr Asp Val Asn Val Asp Asp Thr Thr Ile Glu Val Lys Asp
        1315                1320                1325

aaa aaa ctt ggc gta aaa acc acc aca ttg acc agt act ggc aca ggt   4573
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Lys Lys Leu Gly Val Lys Thr Thr Thr Leu Thr Ser Thr Gly Thr Gly
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Ala Asn Lys Phe Ala Leu Ser Asn Gln Ala Thr Gly Asp Ala Leu Val
1345                1350                1355                1360

aag gcc agt gat atc gtt gct cat cta aac acc tta tct ggc gac atc   4669
Lys Ala Ser Asp Ile Val Ala His Leu Asn Thr Leu Ser Gly Asp Ile
               1365                1370                1375

caa act gcc aaa ggg gca agc caa gcg aac aac tca gca ggc tat gtg   4717
Gln Thr Ala Lys Gly Ala Ser Gln Ala Asn Asn Ser Ala Gly Tyr Val
           1380                1385                1390

gat gct gat ggc aat aag gtc atc tat gac agt acc gat aac aag tac   4765
Asp Ala Asp Gly Asn Lys Val Ile Tyr Asp Ser Thr Asp Asn Lys Tyr
       1395                1400                1405

tat caa gcc aaa aat gat ggc aca gtt gat aaa acc aaa gaa gtt gcc   4813
Tyr Gln Ala Lys Asn Asp Gly Thr Val Asp Lys Thr Lys Glu Val Ala
   1410                1415                1420

aaa gac aaa ctg gtc gcc caa gcc caa acc cca gat ggc aca ttg gct   4861
Lys Asp Lys Leu Val Ala Gln Ala Gln Thr Pro Asp Gly Thr Leu Ala
1425                1430                1435                1440

caa atg aat gtc aaa tca gtc att aac aaa gaa caa gta aat gat gcc   4909
Gln Met Asn Val Lys Ser Val Ile Asn Lys Glu Gln Val Asn Asp Ala
               1445                1450                1455

aat aaa aag caa ggc atc aat gaa gac aac gcc ttt gtt aaa gga ctt   4957
Asn Lys Lys Gln Gly Ile Asn Glu Asp Asn Ala Phe Val Lys Gly Leu
           1460                1465                1470

gaa aaa gcc gct tct gat aac aaa acc aaa aac gcc gca gta act gtg   5005
Glu Lys Ala Ala Ser Asp Asn Lys Thr Lys Asn Ala Ala Val Thr Val
       1475                1480                1485

ggt gat tta aat gcc gtt gcc caa aca ccg ctg acc ttt gca ggg gat   5053
Gly Asp Leu Asn Ala Val Ala Gln Thr Pro Leu Thr Phe Ala Gly Asp
   1490                1495                1500

aca ggc aca acg gct aaa aaa ctg ggc gag act ttg acc atc aaa ggt   5101
Thr Gly Thr Thr Ala Lys Lys Leu Gly Glu Thr Leu Thr Ile Lys Gly
1505                1510                1515                1520

ggg caa aca gac acc aat aag cta acc gat aat aac atc ggt gtg gta   5149
Gly Gln Thr Asp Thr Asn Lys Leu Thr Asp Asn Asn Ile Gly Val Val
               1525                1530                1535

gca ggt act gat ggc ttc act gtc aaa ctt gcc aaa gac cta acc aat   5197
Ala Gly Thr Asp Gly Phe Thr Val Lys Leu Ala Lys Asp Leu Thr Asn
           1540                1545                1550

ctt aac agc gtt aat gca ggt ggc acc aaa att gat gac aaa ggc gtg   5245
Leu Asn Ser Val Asn Ala Gly Gly Thr Lys Ile Asp Asp Lys Gly Val
       1555                1560                1565
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tct ttt gta gac tca agc ggt caa gcc aaa gca aac acc cct gtg cta   5293
Ser Phe Val Asp Ser Ser Gly Gln Ala Lys Ala Asn Thr Pro Val Leu
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agt gcc aat ggg ctg gac ctg ggt ggc aag gtc atc agt aat gtg ggc   5341
Ser Ala Asn Gly Leu Asp Leu Gly Gly Lys Val Ile Ser Asn Val Gly
1585                1590                1595                1600

aaa ggc aca aaa gat acc gac gct gcc aat gta caa cag tta aac gaa   5389
Lys Gly Thr Lys Asp Thr Asp Ala Ala Asn Val Gln Gln Leu Asn Glu
               1605                1610                1615

gta cgc aac ttg ttg ggt ctt ggt aat gct ggt aat gat aac gct gac   5437
Val Arg Asn Leu Leu Gly Leu Gly Asn Ala Gly Asn Asp Asn Ala Asp
          1620                1625                1630

ggc aat cag gta aac att gcc gac atc aaa aaa gac cca aat tca ggt   5485
Gly Asn Gln Val Asn Ile Ala Asp Ile Lys Lys Asp Pro Asn Ser Gly
       1635                1640                1645

tca tca tct aac cgc act gtc atc aaa gca ggc acg gta ctt ggc ggt   5533
Ser Ser Ser Asn Arg Thr Val Ile Lys Ala Gly Thr Val Leu Gly Gly
   1650                1655                1660

aaa ggt aat aac gat acc gaa aaa ctt gcc act ggt ggt ata caa gtg   5581
Lys Gly Asn Asn Asp Thr Glu Lys Leu Ala Thr Gly Gly Ile Gln Val
1665                1670                1675                1680

ggc gtg gat aaa gac ggc aac gct aac ggc gat tta agc aat gtt tgg   5629
Gly Val Asp Lys Asp Gly Asn Ala Asn Gly Asp Leu Ser Asn Val Trp
               1685                1690                1695

gtc aaa acc caa aaa gat ggc agc aaa aaa gcc ctg ctc gcc act tat   5677
Val Lys Thr Gln Lys Asp Gly Ser Lys Lys Ala Leu Leu Ala Thr Tyr
          1700                1705                1710

aac gcc gca ggt cag acc aac tat ttg acc aac aac ccc gca gaa gcc   5725
Asn Ala Ala Gly Gln Thr Asn Tyr Leu Thr Asn Asn Pro Ala Glu Ala
       1715                1720                1725

att gac aga ata aat gaa caa ggt atc cgc ttc ttc cat gtc aac gat   5773
Ile Asp Arg Ile Asn Glu Gln Gly Ile Arg Phe Phe His Val Asn Asp
   1730                1735                1740

ggc aat caa gag cct gtg gta caa ggg cgt aac ggc att gac tca agt   5821
Gly Asn Gln Glu Pro Val Val Gln Gly Arg Asn Gly Ile Asp Ser Ser
1745                1750                1755                1760

gcc tca ggc aag cac tca gtg gcg ata ggt ttc cag gcc aag gca gat   5869
Ala Ser Gly Lys His Ser Val Ala Ile Gly Phe Gln Ala Lys Ala Asp
               1765                1770                1775

ggt gaa gcc gcc gtt gcc ata ggc aga caa acc caa gca ggc aac caa   5917
Gly Glu Ala Ala Val Ala Ile Gly Arg Gln Thr Gln Ala Gly Asn Gln
          1780                1785                1790

tcc atc gcc atc ggt gat aac gca caa gcc acg ggc gat caa tcc atc   5965
Ser Ile Ala Ile Gly Asp Asn Ala Gln Ala Thr Gly Asp Gln Ser Ile
       1795                1800                1805
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gcc atc ggt aca ggc aat gtg gta gca ggt aag cac tct ggt gcc atc   6013
Ala Ile Gly Thr Gly Asn Val Val Ala Gly Lys His Ser Gly Ala Ile
   1810                1815                1820

ggc gac cca agc act gtt aag gct gat aac agt tac agt gtg ggt aat   6061
Gly Asp Pro Ser Thr Val Lys Ala Asp Asn Ser Tyr Ser Val Gly Asn
1825                1830                1835                1840

aac aac cag ttt acc gat gcc act caa acc gat gtc ttt ggt gtg ggc   6109
Asn Asn Gln Phe Thr Asp Ala Thr Gln Thr Asp Val Phe Gly Val Gly
               1845                1850                1855

aat aac atc acc gtg acc gaa agt aac tcg gtt gcc tta ggt tca aac   6157
Asn Asn Ile Thr Val Thr Glu Ser Asn Ser Val Ala Leu Gly Ser Asn
          1860                1865                1870

tct gcc atc agt gca ggc aca cac gca ggc aca caa gcc aaa aaa tct   6205
Ser Ala Ile Ser Ala Gly Thr His Ala Gly Thr Gln Ala Lys Lys Ser
       1875                1880                1885

gac ggc aca gca ggt aca acc acc aca gca ggt gca acc ggt acg gtt   6253
Asp Gly Thr Ala Gly Thr Thr Thr Thr Ala Gly Ala Thr Gly Thr Val
   1890                1895                1900

aaa ggc ttt gct gga caa acg gcg gtt ggt gcg gtc tcc gtg ggt gcc   6301
Lys Gly Phe Ala Gly Gln Thr Ala Val Gly Ala Val Ser Val Gly Ala
1905                1910                1915                1920

tca ggt gct gaa cgc cgt atc caa aat gtg gca gca ggt gag gtc agt   6349
Ser Gly Ala Glu Arg Arg Ile Gln Asn Val Ala Ala Gly Glu Val Ser
               1925                1930                1935

gcc acc agc acc gat gcg gtc aat ggt agc cag ttg tac aaa gcc acc   6397
Ala Thr Ser Thr Asp Ala Val Asn Gly Ser Gln Leu Tyr Lys Ala Thr
          1940                1945                1950

caa agc att gcc aac gca acc aat gag ctt gac cat cgt atc cac caa   6445
Gln Ser Ile Ala Asn Ala Thr Asn Glu Leu Asp His Arg Ile His Gln
       1955                1960                1965

aac gaa aat aag gcc aat gca ggg att tca tca gcg atg gcg atg gcg   6493
Asn Glu Asn Lys Ala Asn Ala Gly Ile Ser Ser Ala Met Ala Met Ala
   1970                1975                1980

tcc atg cca caa gcc tac att cct ggc aga tcc atg gtt acc ggg ggt   6541
Ser Met Pro Gln Ala Tyr Ile Pro Gly Arg Ser Met Val Thr Gly Gly
1985                1990                1995                2000

att gcc acc cac aac ggt caa ggt gcg gtg gca gtg gga ctg tcg aag   6589
Ile Ala Thr His Asn Gly Gln Gly Ala Val Ala Val Gly Leu Ser Lys
               2005                2010                2015

ctg tcg gat aat ggt caa tgg gta ttt aaa atc aat ggt tca gcc gat   6637
Leu Ser Asp Asn Gly Gln Trp Val Phe Lys Ile Asn Gly Ser Ala Asp
          2020                2025                2030

acc caa ggc cat gta ggg gcg gca gtt ggt gca ggt ttt cac ttt       6682
Thr Gln Gly His Val Gly Ala Ala Val Gly Ala Gly Phe His Phe
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2035 2040 2045

taagccataa atcgcaagat tttacttaaa aatcaatctc accatagttg tataaaacag 6742

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tcaagtgatt ctctttcacc atgaccaaat cgccattgat cataggtaaa cttattgagt 6862

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cgatttatcc cgaaaatttc tgattatgat ccgttgacct gcaggtcgac 6972

Figure 4. *M. catarrhalis* strain Q8 200kDa gene

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ATG aat cac atc tat aaa gtc atc ttt aac aaa gcc aca ggc aca ttt   48
Met Asn His Ile Tyr Lys Val Ile Phe Asn Lys Ala Thr Gly Thr Phe
  1               5                  10                  15

atg gcc gtg gcg gaa tat gcc aaa tcc cac agt acg ggg ggg ggt agc   96
Met Ala Val Ala Glu Tyr Ala Lys Ser His Ser Thr Gly Gly Gly Ser
             20                  25                  30

tgt gct aca ggg caa gtt ggc agt gta cgc act cta agc ttt gcc cgt   144
Cys Ala Thr Gly Gln Val Gly Ser Val Arg Thr Leu Ser Phe Ala Arg
         35                  40                  45

att gcc gcg ctc gct gtc ctc gtg atc ggt gcg acg ctc aat ggc agt   192
Ile Ala Ala Leu Ala Val Leu Val Ile Gly Ala Thr Leu Asn Gly Ser
     50                  55                  60

gct tat gct caa caa att act acc aag atc gaa att ggt caa aca aac   240
Ala Tyr Ala Gln Gln Ile Thr Thr Lys Ile Glu Ile Gly Gln Thr Asn
 65                  70                  75                  80

aag ata aac aac acg ctg aaa ggc gat gcc cta gcg aca ggt gaa gca   288
Lys Ile Asn Asn Thr Leu Lys Gly Asp Ala Leu Ala Thr Gly Glu Ala
                 85                  90                  95

tcc att gct ttt ggt agt ctt tct aag gca caa ggc tct caa gct att   336
Ser Ile Ala Phe Gly Ser Leu Ser Lys Ala Gln Gly Ser Gln Ala Ile
            100                 105                 110

gct atc ggt agt gtc aaa cca gat cct aat aat ggt agt aat ggt aat   384
Ala Ile Gly Ser Val Lys Pro Asp Pro Asn Asn Gly Ser Asn Gly Asn
        115                 120                 125

gta ggt tcc cac gcc aaa ggt aac gag tcc atc gcc atc ggt ggt gat   432
Val Gly Ser His Ala Lys Gly Asn Glu Ser Ile Ala Ile Gly Gly Asp
    130                 135                 140

gta ttg gct gag ggt gat gcc tcg att gcc atc ggt agt gat gac tta   480
Val Leu Ala Glu Gly Asp Ala Ser Ile Ala Ile Gly Ser Asp Asp Leu
145                 150                 155                 160

tat ttg cct aag aat ctt gat ctg aag aat gaa ttt cac aaa ctt att   528
Tyr Leu Pro Lys Asn Leu Asp Leu Lys Asn Glu Phe His Lys Leu Ile
                165                 170                 175

cat ggc cat gaa ata tta aaa aaa ata caa acc tca acc gat ggt aaa   576
His Gly His Glu Ile Leu Lys Lys Ile Gln Thr Ser Thr Asp Gly Lys
            180                 185                 190

atc aaa tat cga cgc aca aga gca caa ggg cac gcc agt act gca gtg   624
Ile Lys Tyr Arg Arg Thr Arg Ala Gln Gly His Ala Ser Thr Ala Val
        195                 200                 205

gga gcc atg tca tat gca cag ggt cat ttt tcc aac gcc ttt ggt aca   672
Gly Ala Met Ser Tyr Ala Gln Gly His Phe Ser Asn Ala Phe Gly Thr
    210                 215                 220
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tac gca aca gct gaa gct gcc tat tcc ttg gca gta ggt ctt gcc gcc   720
Tyr Ala Thr Ala Glu Ala Ala Tyr Ser Leu Ala Val Gly Leu Ala Ala
225                 230                 235                 240

caa gcc aca aaa caa tct tca atc gct gtt ggt tcc aat gca aaa gct   768
Gln Ala Thr Lys Gln Ser Ser Ile Ala Val Gly Ser Asn Ala Lys Ala
                245                 250                 255

aac gcg ttt gca gcg aca gcc att ggt gga aat act gta gtt aat ttg   816
Asn Ala Phe Ala Ala Thr Ala Ile Gly Gly Asn Thr Val Val Asn Leu
            260                 265                 270

ggt cga ggc gtt gcc cta ggt ttt ggt tct cag atc ctt gat agg gat   864
Gly Arg Gly Val Ala Leu Gly Phe Gly Ser Gln Ile Leu Asp Arg Asp
        275                 280                 285

aat aat aca gat gcc agt gcc tat gta cca cta ggt aaa acg tta gca   912
Asn Asn Thr Asp Ala Ser Ala Tyr Val Pro Leu Gly Lys Thr Leu Ala
    290                 295                 300

gac cag tat aaa gcc acc cgc cag ggt gat tct acg gat ata ttt tcc   960
Asp Gln Tyr Lys Ala Thr Arg Gln Gly Asp Ser Thr Asp Ile Phe Ser
305                 310                 315                 320

att ggt aat agt aat aat aat aat agc agt atc agg cgt aaa atc atc  1008
Ile Gly Asn Ser Asn Asn Asn Asn Ser Ser Ile Arg Arg Lys Ile Ile
                325                 330                 335

aat gtc ggt gcg ggt tct cgg gat acc gat gcg gtc aat gtg gca cag  1056
Asn Val Gly Ala Gly Ser Arg Asp Thr Asp Ala Val Asn Val Ala Gln
            340                 345                 350

ctt aaa ttg gtg gag gaa ctg gct aat cgt aaa att act ttt aag ggt  1104
Leu Lys Leu Val Glu Glu Leu Ala Asn Arg Lys Ile Thr Phe Lys Gly
        355                 360                 365

gat ggt gac aat aat agc aat agc gta gaa aga ggt ttg ggc aat act  1152
Asp Gly Asp Asn Asn Ser Asn Ser Val Glu Arg Gly Leu Gly Asn Thr
    370                 375                 380

tta act att aaa ggt gat gca cag acc aac gca tta acc gaa gct aac  1200
Leu Thr Ile Lys Gly Asp Ala Gln Thr Asn Ala Leu Thr Glu Ala Asn
385                 390                 395                 400

atc ggt gtg gta aca gat ggc aat ggt ctg aaa gtt aaa ctt gct aaa  1248
Ile Gly Val Val Thr Asp Gly Asn Gly Leu Lys Val Lys Leu Ala Lys
                405                 410                 415

gag ctg act gga ttg acc agt gtc tcc gct acc aac aaa atc acc gtt  1296
Glu Leu Thr Gly Leu Thr Ser Val Ser Ala Thr Asn Lys Ile Thr Val
            420                 425                 430

agt aat acc aac aac aac aac gcc gag cta caa agc ggt ggt ttg acc  1344
Ser Asn Thr Asn Asn Asn Asn Ala Glu Leu Gln Ser Gly Gly Leu Thr
        435                 440                 445

ttt agc cca ata aca ggt aca aaa aca gat aaa acc gtc tac agc att  1392
Phe Ser Pro Ile Thr Gly Thr Lys Thr Asp Lys Thr Val Tyr Ser Ile
    450                 455                 460
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gat gga ttg aag ttt act aat gat agt aat agt ata gca act aaa ggt    1440
Asp Gly Leu Lys Phe Thr Asn Asp Ser Asn Ser Ile Ala Thr Lys Gly
465                 470                 475                 480

act act cgt att acc aaa aag aaa att ggt ttt gct ggt act aat gat    1488
Thr Thr Arg Ile Thr Lys Lys Lys Ile Gly Phe Ala Gly Thr Asn Asp
                485                 490                 495

gga gtt gat gaa agc aaa cct tat ctt gac aac gaa aag cta aaa gtt    1536
Gly Val Asp Glu Ser Lys Pro Tyr Leu Asp Asn Glu Lys Leu Lys Val
            500                 505                 510

ggc aac agc acc cta aac agt ggt agc ttg act gtt aat aac acc act    1584
Gly Asn Ser Thr Leu Asn Ser Gly Ser Leu Thr Val Asn Asn Thr Thr
        515                 520                 525

ggt aat aaa caa atc caa gtc ggt gct aat ggc att aaa ttt gcc aca    1632
Gly Asn Lys Gln Ile Gln Val Gly Ala Asn Gly Ile Lys Phe Ala Thr
    530                 535                 540

gtc gct aat aat gtt gca aat acc tca gca aca gtc ggc act gct cgt    1680
Val Ala Asn Asn Val Ala Asn Thr Ser Ala Thr Val Gly Thr Ala Arg
545                 550                 555                 560

att acc gaa gag aaa att ggt ttt gct ggt act aat gat gga gtt gat    1728
Ile Thr Glu Glu Lys Ile Gly Phe Ala Gly Thr Asn Asp Gly Val Asp
                565                 570                 575

gaa caa gca cca tat ttg gat aaa gaa cga ctt aaa gtg ggt cgt gtt    1776
Glu Gln Ala Pro Tyr Leu Asp Lys Glu Arg Leu Lys Val Gly Arg Val
            580                 585                 590

gaa att acc aca gat agt ggt att aat gct ggt aat cac aag att acc    1824
Glu Ile Thr Thr Asp Ser Gly Ile Asn Ala Gly Asn His Lys Ile Thr
        595                 600                 605

gga ctt act aat ggt ata gca aat acc gat gcg gtt acc atc aaa cag    1872
Gly Leu Thr Asn Gly Ile Ala Asn Thr Asp Ala Val Thr Ile Lys Gln
    610                 615                 620

ctc aaa gac gcc aag cct act tta aac gca ggc gat ggc atc agt att    1920
Leu Lys Asp Ala Lys Pro Thr Leu Asn Ala Gly Asp Gly Ile Ser Ile
625                 630                 635                 640

aat agt aat aac ggg gat cta gtt gat agt agt ggc aat att acc acc    1968
Asn Ser Asn Asn Gly Asp Leu Val Asp Ser Ser Gly Asn Ile Thr Thr
                645                 650                 655

cca act tat aac att agc gtg aaa acc act aag ctt aac agt aat ggc    2016
Pro Thr Tyr Asn Ile Ser Val Lys Thr Thr Lys Leu Asn Ser Asn Gly
            660                 665                 670

acc agt ggt aat aat aaa ttt agt gtt agt aat gct cat gat aac aat    2064
Thr Ser Gly Asn Asn Lys Phe Ser Val Ser Asn Ala His Asp Asn Asn
        675                 680                 685

agc tta gtt acc gcc aaa gat ttg gca gac tat cta aat aaa gtc aat    2112
Ser Leu Val Thr Ala Lys Asp Leu Ala Asp Tyr Leu Asn Lys Val Asn
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gaa acg gct gac agt gct cta cca agc ttt aaa gtc caa aac ggt gat   2160
Glu Thr Ala Asp Ser Ala Leu Pro Ser Phe Lys Val Gln Asn Gly Asp
705                 710                 715                 720

aat agc aac aac gcc atc acc gtg ggt aaa gat aca aac ggc aag acc   2208
Asn Ser Asn Asn Ala Ile Thr Val Gly Lys Asp Thr Asn Gly Lys Thr
                725                 730                 735

ttc aac acc tta aaa ctc aaa ggt gaa aac ggt gtt aat att acg acc   2256
Phe Asn Thr Leu Lys Leu Lys Gly Glu Asn Gly Val Asn Ile Thr Thr
            740                 745                 750

aat aga gcc aca ggt aca gtt acc ttt ggc att gac caa agt aat ggt   2304
Asn Arg Ala Thr Gly Thr Val Thr Phe Gly Ile Asp Gln Ser Asn Gly
        755                 760                 765

ctc acc acg cct aag ctg acc gtg ggt agc gat aca aat ggt aat cga   2352
Leu Thr Thr Pro Lys Leu Thr Val Gly Ser Asp Thr Asn Gly Asn Arg
    770                 775                 780

ttg gtt att gag caa gtc cct agc gct gac ggt aac agc acc aaa aac   2400
Leu Val Ile Glu Gln Val Pro Ser Ala Asp Gly Asn Ser Thr Lys Asn
785                 790                 795                 800

atc att aaa gga ttg tcc cca aca ctg cct agc att gcc agt cca agt   2448
Ile Ile Lys Gly Leu Ser Pro Thr Leu Pro Ser Ile Ala Ser Pro Ser
                805                 810                 815

ggc cgc aac ata gca ctg ggc aat aca atc gaa gaa aaa gac aaa tcc   2496
Gly Arg Asn Ile Ala Leu Gly Asn Thr Ile Glu Glu Lys Asp Lys Ser
            820                 825                 830

aac gct gcc agc att gat gat gtg cta aat gca ggc ttt aac cta aaa   2544
Asn Ala Ala Ser Ile Asp Asp Val Leu Asn Ala Gly Phe Asn Leu Lys
        835                 840                 845

aat aat ggc aaa gac aaa gac ttt gtc tcc act tat gac act gtt gac   2592
Asn Asn Gly Lys Asp Lys Asp Phe Val Ser Thr Tyr Asp Thr Val Asp
    850                 855                 860

ttt atc gat ggc aat gcc acc acc gcc aca gta act tat gat gaa gcc   2640
Phe Ile Asp Gly Asn Ala Thr Thr Ala Thr Val Thr Tyr Asp Glu Ala
865                 870                 875                 880

aat caa acc agt aaa gtg gcg tat gat gtg aat gtg gat gag aaa acc   2688
Asn Gln Thr Ser Lys Val Ala Tyr Asp Val Asn Val Asp Glu Lys Thr
                885                 890                 895

att gaa ctg aca ggc gat aat ggc aag aaa caa ctt ggc gtc aaa acc   2736
Ile Glu Leu Thr Gly Asp Asn Gly Lys Lys Gln Leu Gly Val Lys Thr
            900                 905                 910

atc aaa ctg acc gaa aca agt act aat ggt aat gca act aca ttt agt   2784
Ile Lys Leu Thr Glu Thr Ser Thr Asn Gly Asn Ala Thr Thr Phe Ser
        915                 920                 925

acc gac gat gac cat gcc ctt gtt aaa gcc agt gat atc gcc ggc aat   2832
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Thr Asp Asp Asp His Ala Leu Val Lys Ala Ser Asp Ile Ala Gly Asn
    930                 935                 940

cta aac acc cta gcc gag gaa att cac acc acc aaa ggc aca gca aac      2880
Leu Asn Thr Leu Ala Glu Glu Ile His Thr Thr Lys Gly Thr Ala Asn
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Thr Ala Leu Gln Thr Phe Thr Val Lys Lys Val Asp Glu Asn Asp Lys
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gct gat gac acc aac gcc atc acc gtg ggt aaa gat ggc aca agt ggt      2976
Ala Asp Asp Thr Asn Ala Ile Thr Val Gly Lys Asp Gly Thr Ser Gly
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aaa gtc aac acc tta aaa ctc aaa ggt aaa aac ggt ctt gat att aaa      3024
Lys Val Asn Thr Leu Lys Leu Lys Gly Lys Asn Gly Leu Asp Ile Lys
        995                 1000                1005

acc gac aaa gat ggt acg gtt acc ttt ggc att aac acc caa agc ggt      3072
Thr Asp Lys Asp Gly Thr Val Thr Phe Gly Ile Asn Thr Gln Ser Gly
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Leu Lys Ala Gly Asp Ser Thr Thr Leu Asn Asn Asn Gly Leu Ser Ile
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Lys Asn Thr Ala Ser Asn Glu Gln Ile Gln Val Gly Ala Asp Gly Val
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Lys Phe Ala Met Val Asn Asn Gly Val Val Gly Ala Gly Ile Asp Gly
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aca act cgc att acc aga gat gaa att ggc ttt act ggg act aat ggc      3264
Thr Thr Arg Ile Thr Arg Asp Glu Ile Gly Phe Thr Gly Thr Asn Gly
        1075                1080                1085

tca ctt gat aaa agc aaa ccc cac cta agc aaa gac ggc att aac gca      3312
Ser Leu Asp Lys Ser Lys Pro His Leu Ser Lys Asp Gly Ile Asn Ala
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ggt ggt aaa aag att acc aac att caa tca ggt gag att gcc aaa aac      3360
Gly Gly Lys Lys Ile Thr Asn Ile Gln Ser Gly Glu Ile Ala Lys Asn
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agc cat gat gct gtg aca ggc ggc aag att tat gat tta aaa acc gaa      3408
Ser His Asp Ala Val Thr Gly Gly Lys Ile Tyr Asp Leu Lys Thr Glu
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ctt gaa aat aaa atc agc agt act gcc aaa aca gca caa aac tca tta      3456
Leu Glu Asn Lys Ile Ser Ser Thr Ala Lys Thr Ala Gln Asn Ser Leu
            1140                1145                1150

cac gaa ttc tca gta gca gat gaa caa ggt aat aac ttt acg gtt agt      3504
His Glu Phe Ser Val Ala Asp Glu Gln Gly Asn Asn Phe Thr Val Ser
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Asn Pro Tyr Ser Ser Tyr Asp Thr Ser Lys Thr Ser Asp Val Ile Thr
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ttt gca ggt gaa aac ggc att acc acc aag gta aat aaa ggt gtg gtg   3600
Phe Ala Gly Glu Asn Gly Ile Thr Thr Lys Val Asn Lys Gly Val Val
1185                1190                1195                1200

cgt gtg ggc att gac caa acc aaa ggc tta acc acg cct aag ctg acc   3648
Arg Val Gly Ile Asp Gln Thr Lys Gly Leu Thr Thr Pro Lys Leu Thr
               1205                1210                1215

gtg ggt aat aat aat ggc aaa ggc att gtc att aac agc caa aat ggt   3696
Val Gly Asn Asn Asn Gly Lys Gly Ile Val Ile Asn Ser Gln Asn Gly
           1220                1225                1230

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Gln Asn Thr Ile Thr Gly Leu Ser Asn Thr Leu Ala Asn Val Thr Asn
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gat aaa ggt agc gta cgc acc aca gaa cag ggc aat ata atc aaa gac   3792
Asp Lys Gly Ser Val Arg Thr Thr Glu Gln Gly Asn Ile Ile Lys Asp
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Glu Asp Lys Thr Arg Ala Ala Ser Ile Val Asp Val Leu Ser Ala Gly
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Phe Asn Leu Gln Gly Asn Gly Glu Ala Val Asp Phe Val Ser Thr Tyr
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gac acc gtc aac ttt gcc aat ggc aat acc acc acc gct aag gtg acc   3936
Asp Thr Val Asn Phe Ala Asn Gly Asn Thr Thr Thr Ala Lys Val Thr
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tat gat gac aca agc aaa acc agt aaa gtg gtc tat gat gtc aat gtg   3984
Tyr Asp Asp Thr Ser Lys Thr Ser Lys Val Val Tyr Asp Val Asn Val
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gat gat aca acc att gaa gtt aaa gat aaa aaa ctt ggc gta aaa acc   4032
Asp Asp Thr Thr Ile Glu Val Lys Asp Lys Lys Leu Gly Val Lys Thr
   1330                1335                1340

acc aca ttg acc agt act ggc aca ggt gct aat aaa ttt gcc cta agc   4080
Thr Thr Leu Thr Ser Thr Gly Thr Gly Ala Asn Lys Phe Ala Leu Ser
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Asn Gln Ala Thr Gly Asp Ala Leu Val Lys Ala Ser Asp Ile Val Ala
               1365                1370                1375

cat cta aac acc tta tct ggc gac atc caa act gcc aaa ggg gca agc   4176
His Leu Asn Thr Leu Ser Gly Asp Ile Gln Thr Ala Lys Gly Ala Ser
           1380                1385                1390

caa gcg aac aac tca gca ggc tat gtg gat gct gat ggc aat aag gtc   4224
Gln Ala Asn Asn Ser Ala Gly Tyr Val Asp Ala Asp Gly Asn Lys Val
       1395                1400                1405
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Ile Tyr Asp Ser Thr Asp Asn Lys Tyr Tyr Gln Ala Lys Asn Asp Gly
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aca gtt gat aaa acc aaa gaa gtt gcc aaa gac aaa ctg gtc gcc caa 4320
Thr Val Asp Lys Thr Lys Glu Val Ala Lys Asp Lys Leu Val Ala Gln
1425 1430 1435 1440

gcc caa acc cca gat ggc aca ttg gct caa atg aat gtc aaa tca gtc 4368
Ala Gln Thr Pro Asp Gly Thr Leu Ala Gln Met Asn Val Lys Ser Val
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att aac aaa gaa caa gta aat gat gcc aat aaa aag caa ggc atc aat 4416
Ile Asn Lys Glu Gln Val Asn Asp Ala Asn Lys Lys Gln Gly Ile Asn
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gaa gac aac gcc ttt gtt aaa gga ctt gaa aaa gcc gct tct gat aac 4464
Glu Asp Asn Ala Phe Val Lys Gly Leu Glu Lys Ala Ala Ser Asp Asn
1475 1480 1485

aaa acc aaa aac gcc gca gta act gtg ggt gat tta aat gcc gtt gcc 4512
Lys Thr Lys Asn Ala Ala Val Thr Val Gly Asp Leu Asn Ala Val Ala
1490 1495 1500

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Gln Thr Pro Leu Thr Phe Ala Gly Asp Thr Gly Thr Thr Ala Lys Lys
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ctg ggc gag act ttg acc atc aaa ggt ggg caa aca gac acc aat aag 4608
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Leu Thr Asp Asn Asn Ile Gly Val Val Ala Gly Thr Asp Gly Phe Thr
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Val Lys Leu Ala Lys Asp Leu Thr Asn Leu Asn Ser Val Asn Ala Gly
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ggc acc aaa att gat gaa aaa ggc atc tct ttt gta gac gca aac ggt 4752
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1570 1575 1580

caa gcc aaa gca aac acc cct gtg cta agt gcc aat ggg ctg gac ctg 4800
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Gly Gly Lys Val Ile Ser Asn Val Gly Lys Gly Thr Lys Asp Thr Asp
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Ala Ala Asn Val Gln Gln Leu Asn Glu Val Arg Asn Leu Leu Gly Leu
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Gly Asn Asp Asn Ala Asp Gly Asn Gln Val Asn Ile Ala Asp Ile Lys

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Lys Asp Pro Asn Ser Gly Ser Ser Ser Asn Arg Thr Val Ile Lys Ala
   1650                1655                1660

ggc acg gta ctt ggc ggt aaa ggt aat aac gat acc gaa aaa ctt gcc   5040
Gly Thr Val Leu Gly Gly Lys Gly Asn Asn Asp Thr Glu Lys Leu Ala
1665                1670                1675                1680

act ggt ggt gta caa gtg ggc gtg gat aaa gac ggc aac gct aac ggc   5088
Thr Gly Gly Val Gln Val Gly Val Asp Lys Asp Gly Asn Ala Asn Gly
               1685                1690                1695

gat tta agc aat gtt tgg gtc aaa acc caa aaa gat ggc agc aaa aaa   5136
Asp Leu Ser Asn Val Trp Val Lys Thr Gln Lys Asp Gly Ser Lys Lys
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gcc ctg ctc gcc act tat aac gcc gca ggt cag acc aac tat gtg acc   5184
Ala Leu Leu Ala Thr Tyr Asn Ala Ala Gly Gln Thr Asn Tyr Val Thr
       1715                1720                1725

aac aac ccc gca gaa gcc att gac aga ata aat gaa caa ggt atc cgc   5232
Asn Asn Pro Ala Glu Ala Ile Asp Arg Ile Asn Glu Gln Gly Ile Arg
   1730                1735                1740

ttc ttc cat gtc aac gat ggc aat caa gag cct gtg gta caa ggg cgt   5280
Phe Phe His Val Asn Asp Gly Asn Gln Glu Pro Val Val Gln Gly Arg
1745                1750                1755                1760

aac ggc att gac tca agt gcc tca ggc aag cac tca gtg gcg ata ggt   5328
Asn Gly Ile Asp Ser Ser Ala Ser Gly Lys His Ser Val Ala Ile Gly
               1765                1770                1775

ttc cag gcc aag gca gat ggt gaa gcc gcc gtt gcc ata ggc aga caa   5376
Phe Gln Ala Lys Ala Asp Gly Glu Ala Ala Val Ala Ile Gly Arg Gln
           1780                1785                1790

acc caa gca ggc aac caa tcc atc gcc atc ggt gat aac gca caa gcc   5424
Thr Gln Ala Gly Asn Gln Ser Ile Ala Ile Gly Asp Asn Ala Gln Ala
       1795                1800                1805

acg ggc gat caa tcc atc gcc atc ggt aca ggc aat gtg gta gca ggt   5472
Thr Gly Asp Gln Ser Ile Ala Ile Gly Thr Gly Asn Val Val Ala Gly
   1810                1815                1820

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Lys His Ser Gly Ala Ile Gly Asp Pro Ser Thr Val Lys Ala Asp Asn
1825                1830                1835                1840

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Ser Tyr Ser Val Gly Asn Asn Asn Gln Phe Thr Asp Ala Thr Gln Thr
               1845                1850                1855

gat gtc ttt ggt gtg ggc aat aac atc acc gtg acc gaa agt aac tcg   5616
Asp Val Phe Gly Val Gly Asn Asn Ile Thr Val Thr Glu Ser Asn Ser
           1860                1865                1870

gtt gcc tta ggt tca aac tct gcc atc agt gca ggc aca cac gca ggc   5664
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Val Ala Leu Gly Ser Asn Ser Ala Ile Ser Ala Gly Thr His Ala Gly
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aca caa gcc aaa aaa tct gac ggc aca gca ggt aca acc acc aca gca   5712
Thr Gln Ala Lys Lys Ser Asp Gly Thr Ala Gly Thr Thr Thr Thr Ala
   1890                1895                1900

ggt gcc aca ggt acg gtt aaa ggc ttt gct gga caa acg gcg gtt ggt   5760
Gly Ala Thr Gly Thr Val Lys Gly Phe Ala Gly Gln Thr Ala Val Gly
1905                1910                1915                1920

gcg gtc tcc gtg ggt gcc tca ggt gct gaa cgc cgt atc caa aat gtg   5808
Ala Val Ser Val Gly Ala Ser Gly Ala Glu Arg Arg Ile Gln Asn Val
               1925                1930                1935

gca gca ggt gag gtc agt gcc acc agc acc gat gcg gtc aat ggt agc   5856
Ala Ala Gly Glu Val Ser Ala Thr Ser Thr Asp Ala Val Asn Gly Ser
           1940                1945                1950

cag ttg tac aaa gcc acc caa agc att gcc aac gca acc aat gag ctt   5904
Gln Leu Tyr Lys Ala Thr Gln Ser Ile Ala Asn Ala Thr Asn Glu Leu
       1955                1960                1965

gac cat cgt atc cac caa aac gaa aat aaa gcc aat gca ggg att tca   5952
Asp His Arg Ile His Gln Asn Glu Asn Lys Ala Asn Ala Gly Ile Ser
   1970                1975                1980

tca gcg atg gcg atg gcg tcc atg cca caa gcc tac att cct ggc aga   6000
Ser Ala Met Ala Met Ala Ser Met Pro Gln Ala Tyr Ile Pro Gly Arg
1985                1990                1995                2000

tcc atg gtt acc ggg ggt att gcc acc cac aac ggt caa ggt gcg gtg   6048
Ser Met Val Thr Gly Gly Ile Ala Thr His Asn Gly Gln Gly Ala Val
               2005                2010                2015

gca gtg gga ctg tcg aag ctg tcg gat aat ggt caa tgg gta ttt aaa   6096
Ala Val Gly Leu Ser Lys Leu Ser Asp Asn Gly Gln Trp Val Phe Lys
           2020                2025                2030

atc aat ggt tca gcc gat acc caa ggc cat gta ggg gcg gca gtt ggt   6144
Ile Asn Gly Ser Ala Asp Thr Gln Gly His Val Gly Ala Ala Val Gly
       2035                2040                2045

gca ggt ttt cac ttt                                              6159
Ala Gly Phe His Phe
   2050
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ATG aat cac atc tat aaa gtc atc ttt aac aaa gcc aca ggc aca ttt   48
Met Asn His Ile Tyr Lys Val Ile Phe Asn Lys Ala Thr Gly Thr Phe
  1               5                  10                  15

atg gcc gtg gca gag tgc gcc aaa tcc cac agc gga ggg agt agc agt   96
Met Ala Val Ala Glu Cys Ala Lys Ser His Ser Gly Gly Ser Ser Ser
             20                  25                  30

agt acc gca gga cag gtg ggc agc tct cct gtc atc cgc ctg act cgt   144
Ser Thr Ala Gly Gln Val Gly Ser Ser Pro Val Ile Arg Leu Thr Arg
         35                  40                  45

gtt gcc acg ctc gct atc cta gtg atc ggt gcg acg ctc aat ggc agt   192
Val Ala Thr Leu Ala Ile Leu Val Ile Gly Ala Thr Leu Asn Gly Ser
     50                  55                  60

gct tat gct caa aat aat agc aag atc gca ttt ggt acc aca ggc aac   240
Ala Tyr Ala Gln Asn Asn Ser Lys Ile Ala Phe Gly Thr Thr Gly Asn
 65                  70                  75                  80

aat gac aat gcc tcg gct agc aat gaa gca tcc att gct att ggt agt   288
Asn Asp Asn Ala Ser Ala Ser Asn Glu Ala Ser Ile Ala Ile Gly Ser
                 85                  90                  95

ctt gct aag gca cat gcc aat caa gct att gct atc ggt ggt agc aaa   336
Leu Ala Lys Ala His Ala Asn Gln Ala Ile Ala Ile Gly Gly Ser Lys
            100                 105                 110

cca gat cct cgt aat caa gcg gct aat cag aag gca ggt tcc cac gcc   384
Pro Asp Pro Arg Asn Gln Ala Ala Asn Gln Lys Ala Gly Ser His Ala
        115                 120                 125

aaa ggt aaa gag tcc atc gcc atc ggt ggt gat gta ctg gct gag ggt   432
Lys Gly Lys Glu Ser Ile Ala Ile Gly Gly Asp Val Leu Ala Glu Gly
    130                 135                 140

gat gcc tcg att gcc att ggt agt gat gac tta tat ttg gat agg aat   480
Asp Ala Ser Ile Ala Ile Gly Ser Asp Asp Leu Tyr Leu Asp Arg Asn
145                 150                 155                 160

agc act aac tct aaa tat cca aat ggt ctt ctt agc act ctt att caa   528
Ser Thr Asn Ser Lys Tyr Pro Asn Gly Leu Leu Ser Thr Leu Ile Gln
                165                 170                 175

aac cat aca gta tta cgc caa ata cga gac tca aat ggt tct cag aaa   576
Asn His Thr Val Leu Arg Gln Ile Arg Asp Ser Asn Gly Ser Gln Lys
            180                 185                 190

tat aga cgc aca gca gca gaa gga cac gcc agt act gca gtg gga gcc   624
Tyr Arg Arg Thr Ala Ala Glu Gly His Ala Ser Thr Ala Val Gly Ala
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atg gca tat gca aag ggt cat ttt gcc aac gcc ttt ggt aca cgg tca   672
Met Ala Tyr Ala Lys Gly His Phe Ala Asn Ala Phe Gly Thr Arg Ser
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    210                 215                 220

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gaa aaa gga tat aca atc gct att ggt tct aat gca caa gct atc aat   768
Glu Lys Gly Tyr Thr Ile Ala Ile Gly Ser Asn Ala Gln Ala Ile Asn
                245                 250                 255

tat gga gca cta gcc ctt ggt gca gat act cga gtt gat ttg gat tac   816
Tyr Gly Ala Leu Ala Leu Gly Ala Asp Thr Arg Val Asp Leu Asp Tyr
            260                 265                 270

ggt att gcc cta ggt tat ggt tct cag atc ctt aat aat aat aat aat   864
Gly Ile Ala Leu Gly Tyr Gly Ser Gln Ile Leu Asn Asn Asn Asn Asn
        275                 280                 285

aat aat aat aaa gcc tat gta cca gaa ggt aat ggg tca aac ata aaa   912
Asn Asn Asn Lys Ala Tyr Val Pro Glu Gly Asn Gly Ser Asn Ile Lys
    290                 295                 300

tcg tct aaa gcc acc ggc aat ggt tta ttt tcc att ggt agt agc act   960
Ser Ser Lys Ala Thr Gly Asn Gly Leu Phe Ser Ile Gly Ser Ser Thr
305                 310                 315                 320

atc aag cgt aaa atc atc aat gtc ggt gca ggt tat gag gat acc gat  1008
Ile Lys Arg Lys Ile Ile Asn Val Gly Ala Gly Tyr Glu Asp Thr Asp
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gcg gtc aat gtg gca cag cta aaa gcg gtg gag aat ctg gct aag cgt  1056
Ala Val Asn Val Ala Gln Leu Lys Ala Val Glu Asn Leu Ala Lys Arg
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caa att act ttt aag ggt gat gat aac ggt act ggc gtt aag aaa aaa  1104
Gln Ile Thr Phe Lys Gly Asp Asp Asn Gly Thr Gly Val Lys Lys Lys
        355                 360                 365

ctg ggc gag act tta acc att aaa ggt ggt gag acc caa gcg gac aag  1152
Leu Gly Glu Thr Leu Thr Ile Lys Gly Gly Glu Thr Gln Ala Asp Lys
    370                 375                 380

cta acc gat aat aat aac att ggt gtg gta aca gat aat aat act ggt  1200
Leu Thr Asp Asn Asn Asn Ile Gly Val Val Thr Asp Asn Asn Thr Gly
385                 390                 395                 400

ctg aaa gtt aaa ctt gct aaa aac cta agc ggt ctt gaa aca gtt agc  1248
Leu Lys Val Lys Leu Ala Lys Asn Leu Ser Gly Leu Glu Thr Val Ser
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acc aaa aac cta acc gcc agc gag aaa gtt acg gta ggt agt ggt aat  1296
Thr Lys Asn Leu Thr Ala Ser Glu Lys Val Thr Val Gly Ser Gly Asn
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aac acc gct gag cta caa agc ggt ggt tta acc ttt acc cca aca aca  1344
Asn Thr Ala Glu Leu Gln Ser Gly Gly Leu Thr Phe Thr Pro Thr Thr
        435                 440                 445
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Thr Asp Asn Ser Asn Thr Ala Leu Glu Asp Thr Thr Arg Ile Thr Lys
465                 470                 475                 480

gat aaa att ggt ttt agc aat aaa gct ggt aca gtt gat gaa aac aaa     1488
Asp Lys Ile Gly Phe Ser Asn Lys Ala Gly Thr Val Asp Glu Asn Lys
                485                 490                 495

cct tat ctt gat aaa gac aag cta aaa gtt ggc aac agc acc cta aac     1536
Pro Tyr Leu Asp Lys Asp Lys Leu Lys Val Gly Asn Ser Thr Leu Asn
            500                 505                 510

aac ggt ggc ttg act gtt aat aac acc att ggt ggt agc aat aaa caa     1584
Asn Gly Gly Leu Thr Val Asn Asn Thr Ile Gly Gly Ser Asn Lys Gln
        515                 520                 525

atc caa gtc ggt gct gat ggc att aaa ttt gcc gat gtg aat gtt aat     1632
Ile Gln Val Gly Ala Asp Gly Ile Lys Phe Ala Asp Val Asn Val Asn
    530                 535                 540

gta tca aat gcc gca aaa ttc ggc act act cgt att acc gaa gag gaa     1680
Val Ser Asn Ala Ala Lys Phe Gly Thr Thr Arg Ile Thr Glu Glu Glu
545                 550                 555                 560

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Ile Gly Phe Ala Asp Ala Asp Gly Lys Val Asp Lys Lys Ser Pro Tyr
                565                 570                 575

ttg gat aaa aaa caa ctt caa gtg ggt ggt gtt aaa att acc aaa gac     1776
Leu Asp Lys Lys Gln Leu Gln Val Gly Gly Val Lys Ile Thr Lys Asp
            580                 585                 590

agt ggc att aat gca ggt gat caa aag atc agt aat gtt aaa gat gca     1824
Ser Gly Ile Asn Ala Gly Asp Gln Lys Ile Ser Asn Val Lys Asp Ala
        595                 600                 605

acg gac gat acc gat gca gtc act tat aaa cag ctt aaa caa gtc caa     1872
Thr Asp Asp Thr Asp Ala Val Thr Tyr Lys Gln Leu Lys Gln Val Gln
    610                 615                 620

caa gac gcc gac ggt gcc cta caa agc ttc tct att cgt gat gaa aaa     1920
Gln Asp Ala Asp Gly Ala Leu Gln Ser Phe Ser Ile Arg Asp Glu Lys
625                 630                 635                 640

ggt cag gaa ttt acg att agt aac ttg tat tct aat ggt aat acc cca     1968
Gly Gln Glu Phe Thr Ile Ser Asn Leu Tyr Ser Asn Gly Asn Thr Pro
                645                 650                 655

aat acc ttt gag acc atc acc ttt gca ggt gaa aac ggc atc agt atc     2016
Asn Thr Phe Glu Thr Ile Thr Phe Ala Gly Glu Asn Gly Ile Ser Ile
            660                 665                 670
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675 680 685

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690 695 700

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Lys Thr Gln Leu Val Ile Glu Gln Val Ala Ser Gly Asn Asp Thr Lys
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835 840 845

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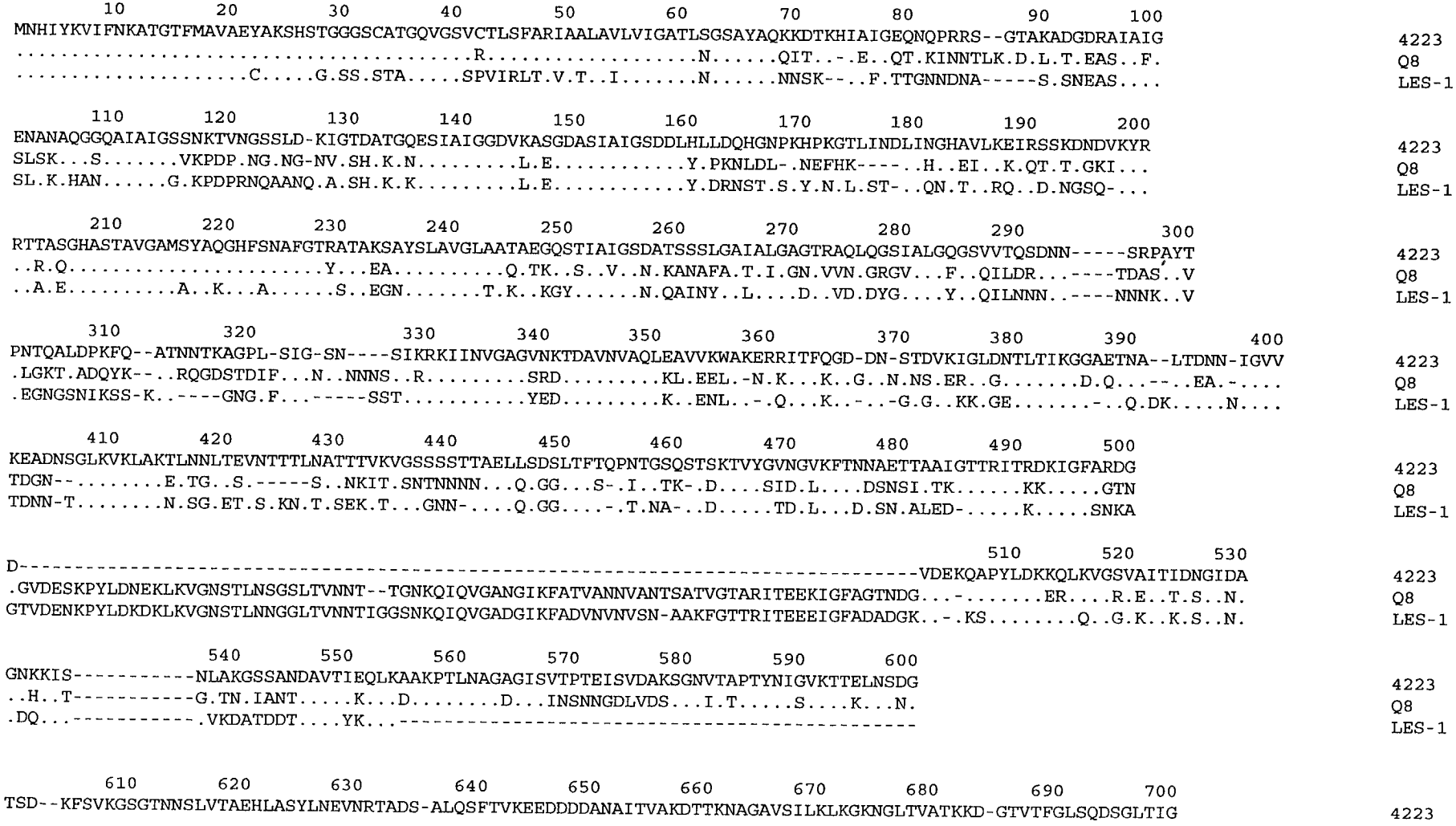
Figure 6. Alignment of amino acid sequence of 200kDa proteins of *M. catarrhalis* strains



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     1710       1720       1730       1740       1750       1760       1770       1780       1790       1800
KDGSKKALLATYNAAGQTNYLTNNPAEAIDRINEQGIRFFHVNDGNQEPVVQGRNGIDSSASGKHSVAIGFQAKADGEAAVAIGRQTQAGNQSIAIGDNA    4223
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.................T.........................I.....................................     LES-1

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     2010       2020       2030       2040
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FIGURE 7

Construction of Plasmids Expressing Portions of the 200 kDa Protein Gene from Strain 4223

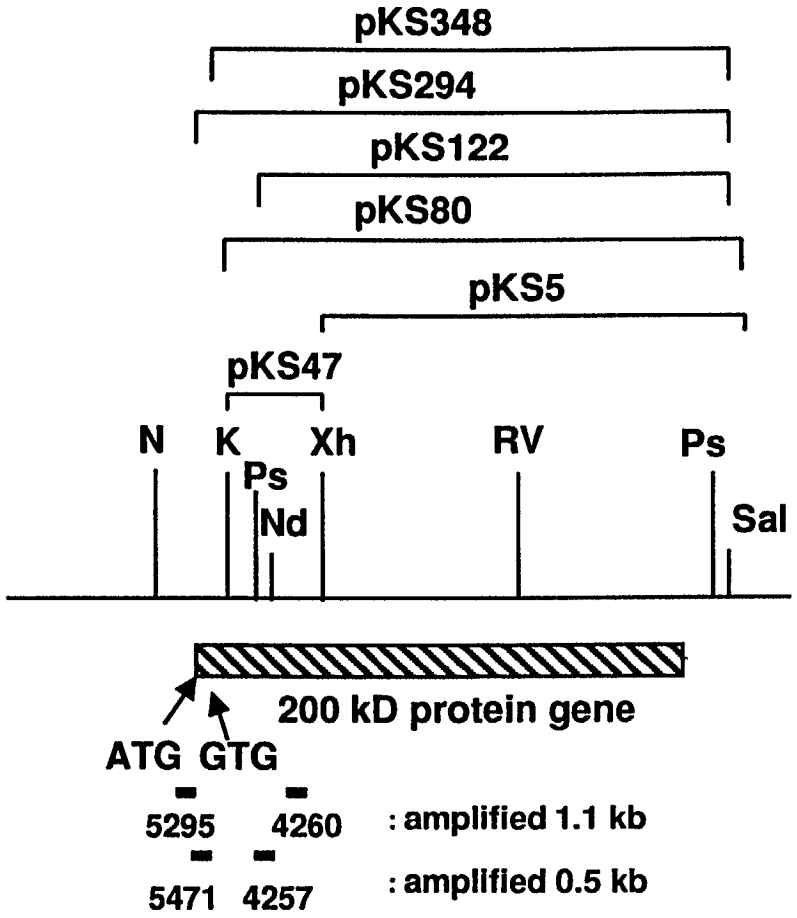

Figure 8. *M. catarrhalis* M56 200kDa gene in pKS348.

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Met Ile Gly Ala Thr Leu Ser Gly Ser Ala Tyr Ala Gln Lys Lys Asp
  1               5                  10                  15

acc aaa cat atc gca att ggt gaa caa aac cag cca aga cgc tca ggc   96
Thr Lys His Ile Ala Ile Gly Glu Gln Asn Gln Pro Arg Arg Ser Gly
             20                  25                  30

act gcc aag gcg gac ggt gat cga gcc att gct att ggt gaa aat gct   144
Thr Ala Lys Ala Asp Gly Asp Arg Ala Ile Ala Ile Gly Glu Asn Ala
         35                  40                  45

aac gca cag ggc ggt caa gcc atc gcc atc ggt agt agt aat aaa act   192
Asn Ala Gln Gly Gly Gln Ala Ile Ala Ile Gly Ser Ser Asn Lys Thr
     50                  55                  60

gtc aat gga agc agt ttg gat aag ata ggt acc gat gct acg ggt caa   240
Val Asn Gly Ser Ser Leu Asp Lys Ile Gly Thr Asp Ala Thr Gly Gln
 65                  70                  75                  80

gag tcc atc gcc atc ggt ggt gat gta aag gct agt ggt gat gcc tcg   288
Glu Ser Ile Ala Ile Gly Gly Asp Val Lys Ala Ser Gly Asp Ala Ser
                 85                  90                  95

att gcc atc ggt agt gat gac tta cat ttg ctt gat cag cat ggt aat   336
Ile Ala Ile Gly Ser Asp Asp Leu His Leu Leu Asp Gln His Gly Asn
            100                 105                 110

cct aaa cat ccg aaa ggt act ctg att aac gat ctt att aac ggc cat   384
Pro Lys His Pro Lys Gly Thr Leu Ile Asn Asp Leu Ile Asn Gly His
        115                 120                 125

gca gta tta aaa gaa ata cga agc tca aag gat aat gat gta aaa tat   432
Ala Val Leu Lys Glu Ile Arg Ser Ser Lys Asp Asn Asp Val Lys Tyr
    130                 135                 140

aga cgc aca acc gca agc gga cac gcc agt act gca gtg gga gcc atg   480
Arg Arg Thr Thr Ala Ser Gly His Ala Ser Thr Ala Val Gly Ala Met
145                 150                 155                 160

tca tat gca cag ggt cat ttt tcc aac gcc ttt ggt aca cgg gca aca   528
Ser Tyr Ala Gln Gly His Phe Ser Asn Ala Phe Gly Thr Arg Ala Thr
                165                 170                 175

gct aaa agt gcc tat tcc ttg gca gtg ggt ctt gcc gcc aca gcc gag   576
Ala Lys Ser Ala Tyr Ser Leu Ala Val Gly Leu Ala Ala Thr Ala Glu
            180                 185                 190

ggc caa tct aca atc gct att ggt tct gat gca aca tct agc tcg ttg   624
Gly Gln Ser Thr Ile Ala Ile Gly Ser Asp Ala Thr Ser Ser Ser Leu
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Gly Ala Ile Ala Leu Gly Ala Gly Thr Arg Ala Gln Leu Gln Gly Ser
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225                 230                 235                 240

aga ccg gcc tat aca cca aat acc cag gca cta gac ccc aag ttt caa     768
Arg Pro Ala Tyr Thr Pro Asn Thr Gln Ala Leu Asp Pro Lys Phe Gln
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gcc acc aat aat acg aag gcg ggt cca ctt tcc att ggt agt aac tct     816
Ala Thr Asn Asn Thr Lys Ala Gly Pro Leu Ser Ile Gly Ser Asn Ser
            260                 265                 270

atc aaa cgt aaa atc atc aat gtc ggt gca ggt gtt aat aaa acc gat     864
Ile Lys Arg Lys Ile Ile Asn Val Gly Ala Gly Val Asn Lys Thr Asp
        275                 280                 285

gcg gtc aat gtg gca cag cta gaa gcg gtg gtg aag tgg gct aag gag     912
Ala Val Asn Val Ala Gln Leu Glu Ala Val Val Lys Trp Ala Lys Glu
    290                 295                 300

cgt aga att act ttt cag ggt gat gat aac agt act gac gta aaa ata     960
Arg Arg Ile Thr Phe Gln Gly Asp Asp Asn Ser Thr Asp Val Lys Ile
305                 310                 315                 320

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Gly Leu Asp Asn Thr Leu Thr Ile Lys Gly Gly Ala Glu Thr Asn Ala
                325                 330                 335

tta acc gat aat aat atc ggt gtg gta aaa gag gct gat aat agt ggt     1056
Leu Thr Asp Asn Asn Ile Gly Val Val Lys Glu Ala Asp Asn Ser Gly
            340                 345                 350

ctg aaa gtt aaa ctt gct aaa act tta aac aat ctt act gag gtg aat     1104
Leu Lys Val Lys Leu Ala Lys Thr Leu Asn Asn Leu Thr Glu Val Asn
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Thr Thr Thr Leu Asn Ala Thr Thr Thr Val Lys Val Gly Ser Ser Ser
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Ser Thr Thr Ala Glu Leu Leu Ser Asp Ser Leu Thr Phe Thr Gln Pro
385                 390                 395                 400

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Asn Thr Gly Ser Gln Ser Thr Ser Lys Thr Val Tyr Gly Val Asn Gly
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gtg aag ttt act aat aat gca gaa aca aca gca gca atc ggc act act     1296
Val Lys Phe Thr Asn Asn Ala Glu Thr Thr Ala Ala Ile Gly Thr Thr
            420                 425                 430

cgt att acc aga gat aaa att ggc ttt gct cga gat ggt gat gtt gat     1344
Arg Ile Thr Arg Asp Lys Ile Gly Phe Ala Arg Asp Gly Asp Val Asp
        435                 440                 445
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Glu Lys Gln Ala Pro Tyr Leu Asp Lys Lys Gln Leu Lys Val Gly Ser
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gtt gca att acc ata gac aat ggc att gat gca ggt aat aaa aag atc 1440
Val Ala Ile Thr Ile Asp Asn Gly Ile Asp Ala Gly Asn Lys Lys Ile
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agt aat ctt gcc aaa ggt agc agt gct aac gat gcg gtt acc atc gaa 1488
Ser Asn Leu Ala Lys Gly Ser Ser Ala Asn Asp Ala Val Thr Ile Glu
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Gln Leu Lys Ala Ala Lys Pro Thr Leu Asn Ala Gly Ala Gly Ile Ser
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Val Thr Pro Thr Glu Ile Ser Val Asp Ala Lys Ser Gly Asn Val Thr
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gcc cca act tac aac att ggc gtg aaa acc acc gag ctt aac agt gat 1632
Ala Pro Thr Tyr Asn Ile Gly Val Lys Thr Thr Glu Leu Asn Ser Asp
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Gly Thr Ser Asp Lys Phe Ser Val Lys Gly Ser Gly Thr Asn Asn Ser
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Thr Ala Asp Ser Ala Leu Gln Ser Phe Thr Val Lys Glu Glu Asp Asp
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gat gac gcc aac gct atc acc gtg gct aaa gat acg aca aaa aat gcc 1824
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Gly Ala Val Ser Ile Leu Lys Leu Lys Gly Lys Asn Gly Leu Thr Val
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Ala Thr Lys Lys Asp Gly Thr Val Thr Phe Gly Leu Ser Gln Asp Ser
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        675                 680                 685

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Arg Ile Thr Arg Asp Lys Ile Gly Phe Ala Gly Ser Asp Gly Ala Val
    690                 695                 700

gat aca aac aaa cct tat ctt gat caa gac aag cta caa gtt ggc aat    2160
Asp Thr Asn Lys Pro Tyr Leu Asp Gln Asp Lys Leu Gln Val Gly Asn
705                 710                 715                 720

gtt aag att acc aac act ggc att aac gca ggt ggt aaa gcc atc aca    2208
Val Lys Ile Thr Asn Thr Gly Ile Asn Ala Gly Gly Lys Ala Ile Thr
                725                 730                 735

ggg ctg tcc cca aca ctg cct agc att gcc gat caa agt agc cgc aac    2256
Gly Leu Ser Pro Thr Leu Pro Ser Ile Ala Asp Gln Ser Ser Arg Asn
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Ile Glu Leu Gly Asn Thr Ile Gln Asp Lys Asp Lys Ser Asn Ala Ala
        755                 760                 765

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Ser Ile Asn Asp Ile Leu Asn Thr Gly Phe Asn Leu Lys Asn Asn Asn
    770                 775                 780

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Asn Pro Ile Asp Phe Val Ser Thr Tyr Asp Ile Val Asp Phe Ala Asn
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Gly Asn Ala Thr Thr Ala Thr Val Thr His Asp Thr Ala Asn Lys Thr
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agt aaa gtg gta tat gat gtg aat gtg gat gat aca acc att cat cta    2496
Ser Lys Val Val Tyr Asp Val Asn Val Asp Asp Thr Thr Ile His Leu
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aca ggc act gat gac aat aaa aaa ctt ggc gtc aaa acc acc aaa ctg    2544
Thr Gly Thr Asp Asp Asn Lys Lys Leu Gly Val Lys Thr Thr Lys Leu
        835                 840                 845

aac aaa aca agt gct aat ggt aat aca gca act aac ttt aat gtt aac    2592
Asn Lys Thr Ser Ala Asn Gly Asn Thr Ala Thr Asn Phe Asn Val Asn
    850                 855                 860

tct agt gat gaa gat gcc ctt gtt aac gcc aaa gac atc gcc gaa aat    2640
Ser Ser Asp Glu Asp Ala Leu Val Asn Ala Lys Asp Ile Ala Glu Asn
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cta aac acc cta gcc aag gaa att cac acc acc aaa ggc aca gca gac    2688
Leu Asn Thr Leu Ala Lys Glu Ile His Thr Thr Lys Gly Thr Ala Asp
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Gln Val Asn Thr Leu Thr Leu Lys Gly Glu Asn Gly Leu Asn Ile Lys
    930                 935                 940

acc gac aaa aat ggt acg gtt acc ttt ggc att aac acc aca agc ggt   2880
Thr Asp Lys Asn Gly Thr Val Thr Phe Gly Ile Asn Thr Thr Ser Gly
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Leu Lys Ala Gly Lys Ser Thr Leu Asn Asp Gly Gly Leu Ser Ile Lys
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ttt gcc aag gtt aat aat aat ggt gtt gta ggt gct ggc att gat ggc   3024
Phe Ala Lys Val Asn Asn Asn Gly Val Val Gly Ala Gly Ile Asp Gly
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aca act cgc att acc aga gat gaa att ggc ttt act ggg act aat ggc   3072
Thr Thr Arg Ile Thr Arg Asp Glu Ile Gly Phe Thr Gly Thr Asn Gly
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tca ctt gat aaa agc aaa ccc cac cta agc aaa gac ggc att aac gca   3120
Ser Leu Asp Lys Ser Lys Pro His Leu Ser Lys Asp Gly Ile Asn Ala
1025                1030                1035                1040

ggt ggt aaa aag att acc aac att caa tca ggt gag att gcc caa aac   3168
Gly Gly Lys Lys Ile Thr Asn Ile Gln Ser Gly Glu Ile Ala Gln Asn
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Ser His Asp Ala Val Thr Gly Gly Lys Ile Tyr Asp Leu Lys Thr Glu
            1060                1065                1070

ctt gaa aac aaa atc agc agt act gcc aaa aca gca caa aac tca tta   3264
Leu Glu Asn Lys Ile Ser Ser Thr Ala Lys Thr Ala Gln Asn Ser Leu
        1075                1080                1085

cac gaa ttc tca gta gca gat gaa caa ggt aat aac ttt acg gtt agt   3312
His Glu Phe Ser Val Ala Asp Glu Gln Gly Asn Asn Phe Thr Val Ser
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aac cct tac tcc agt tat gac acc tca aag acc tct gat gtc atc acc   3360
Asn Pro Tyr Ser Ser Tyr Asp Thr Ser Lys Thr Ser Asp Val Ile Thr
1105                1110                1115                1120

ttt gca ggt gaa aac ggc att acc acc aag gta aat aaa ggt gtg gtg   3408
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Val Gly Asn Asn Asn Gly Lys Gly Ile Val Ile Asp Ser Gln Asn Gly
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Gln Asn Thr Ile Thr Gly Leu Ser Asn Thr Leu Ala Asn Val Thr Asn
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tat gat gac aca agc aaa acc agt aaa gtg gtc tat gat gtc aat gtg   3792
Tyr Asp Asp Thr Ser Lys Thr Ser Lys Val Val Tyr Asp Val Asn Val
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gat gat aca acc att gaa gtt aaa gat aaa aaa ctt ggc gta aaa acc   3840
Asp Asp Thr Thr Ile Glu Val Lys Asp Lys Lys Leu Gly Val Lys Thr
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acc aca ttg acc agt act ggc aca ggt gct aat aaa ttt gcc cta agc   3888
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Asn Gln Ala Thr Gly Asp Ala Leu Val Lys Ala Ser Asp Ile Val Ala
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cat cta aac acc tta tct ggc gac atc caa act gcc aaa ggg gca agc   3984
His Leu Asn Thr Leu Ser Gly Asp Ile Gln Thr Ala Lys Gly Ala Ser
        1315                1320                1325

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Gln Ala Asn Asn Ser Ala Gly Tyr Val Asp Ala Asp Gly Asn Lys Val
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gcc caa acc cca gat ggc aca ttg gct caa atg aat gtc aaa tca gtc   4176
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Glu Asp Asn Ala Phe Val Lys Gly Leu Glu Lys Ala Ala Ser Asp Asn
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Lys Thr Lys Asn Ala Ala Val Thr Val Gly Asp Leu Asn Ala Val Ala
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ctg ggc gag act ttg acc atc aaa ggt ggg caa aca gac acc aat aag   4416
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Val Lys Leu Ala Lys Asp Leu Thr Asn Leu Asn Ser Val Asn Ala Gly
   1490                1495                1500

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Gly Thr Lys Ile Asp Asp Lys Gly Val Ser Phe Val Asp Ser Ser Gly
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Gly Gly Lys Val Ile Ser Asn Val Gly Lys Gly Thr Lys Asp Thr Asp
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   1570                1575                1580
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Lys Leu Ala Thr Gly Gly Ile Gln Val Gly Val Asp Lys Asp Gly Asn
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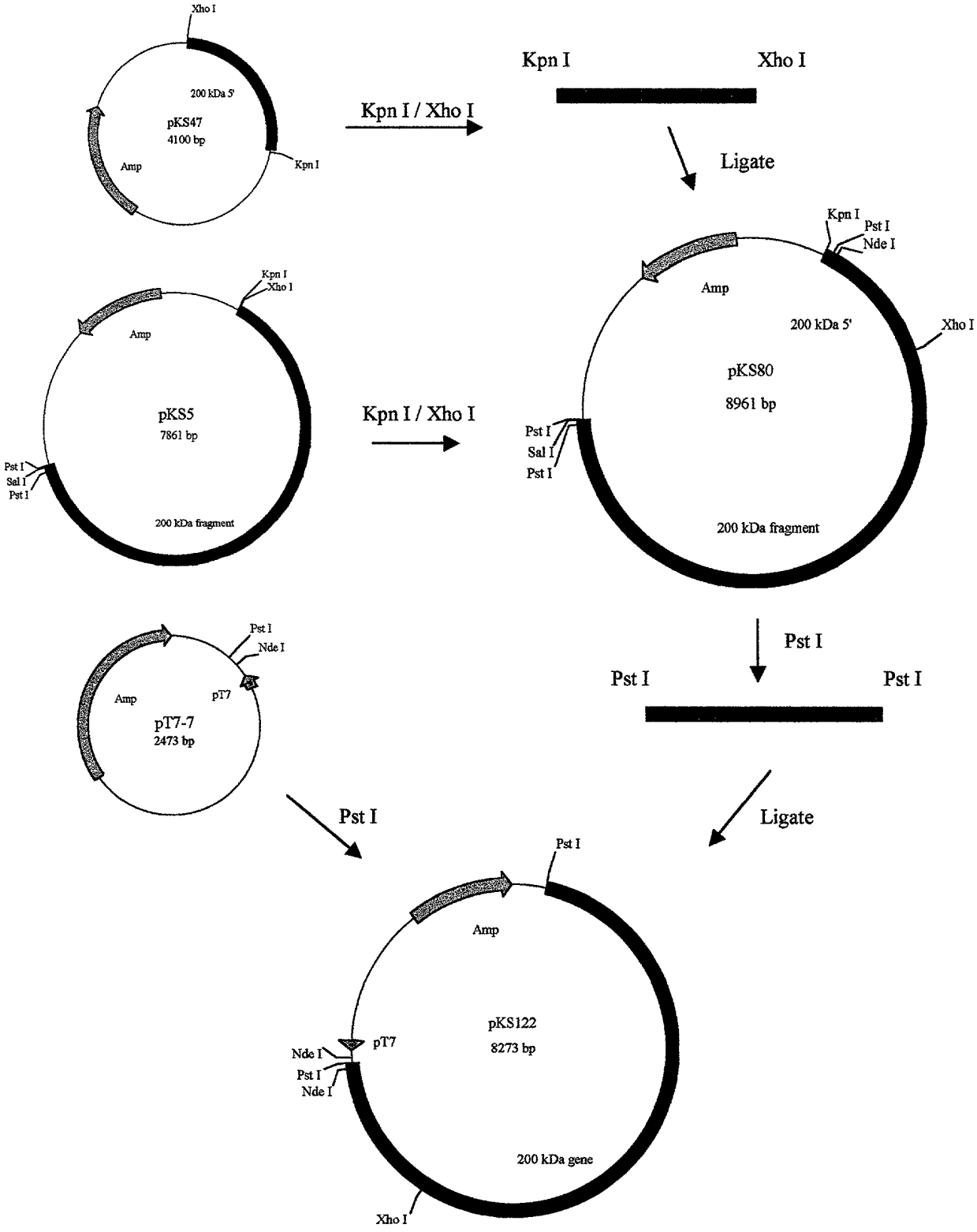
Figure 9A Construction of pKS294



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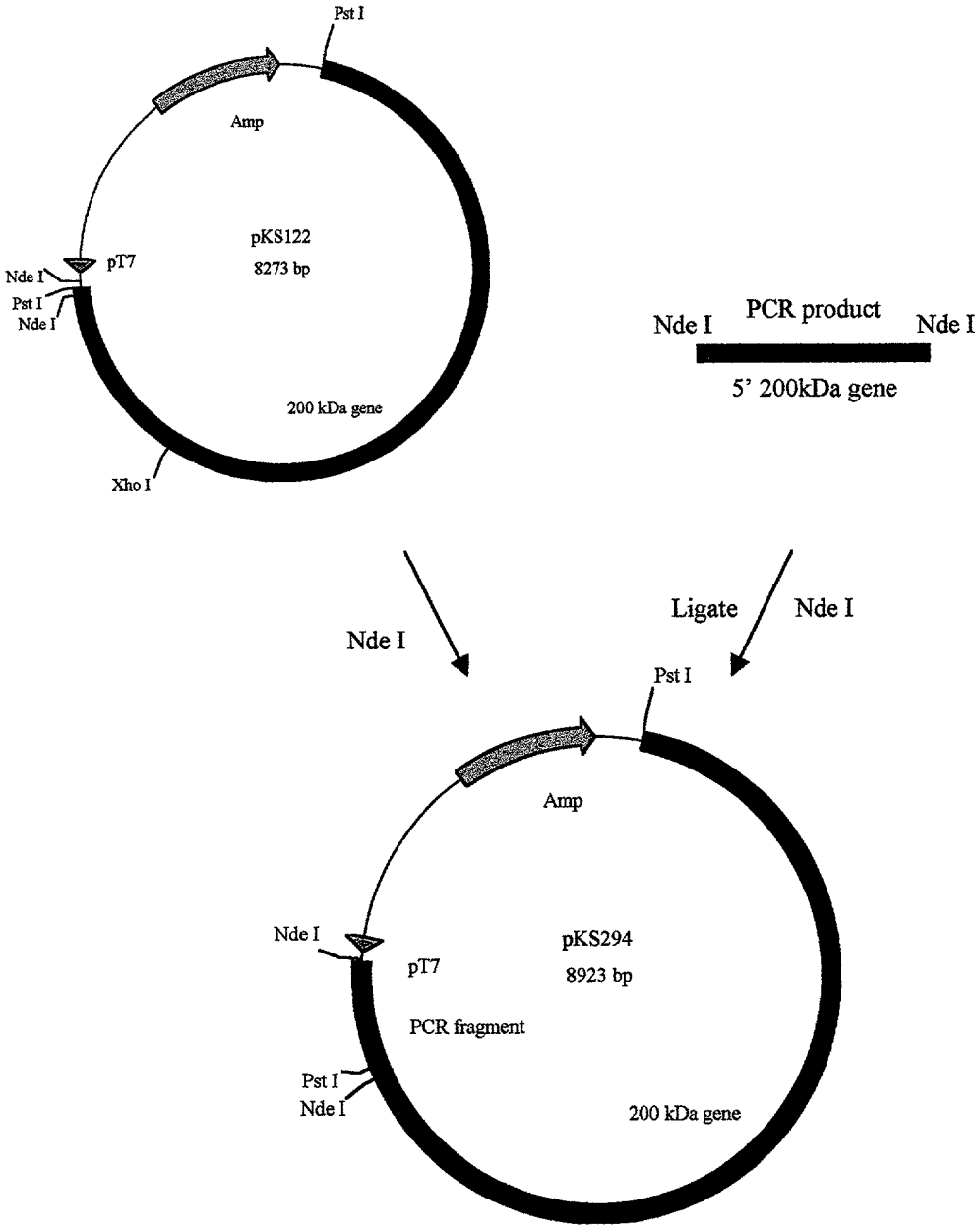


Figure 10. Construction of pKS348

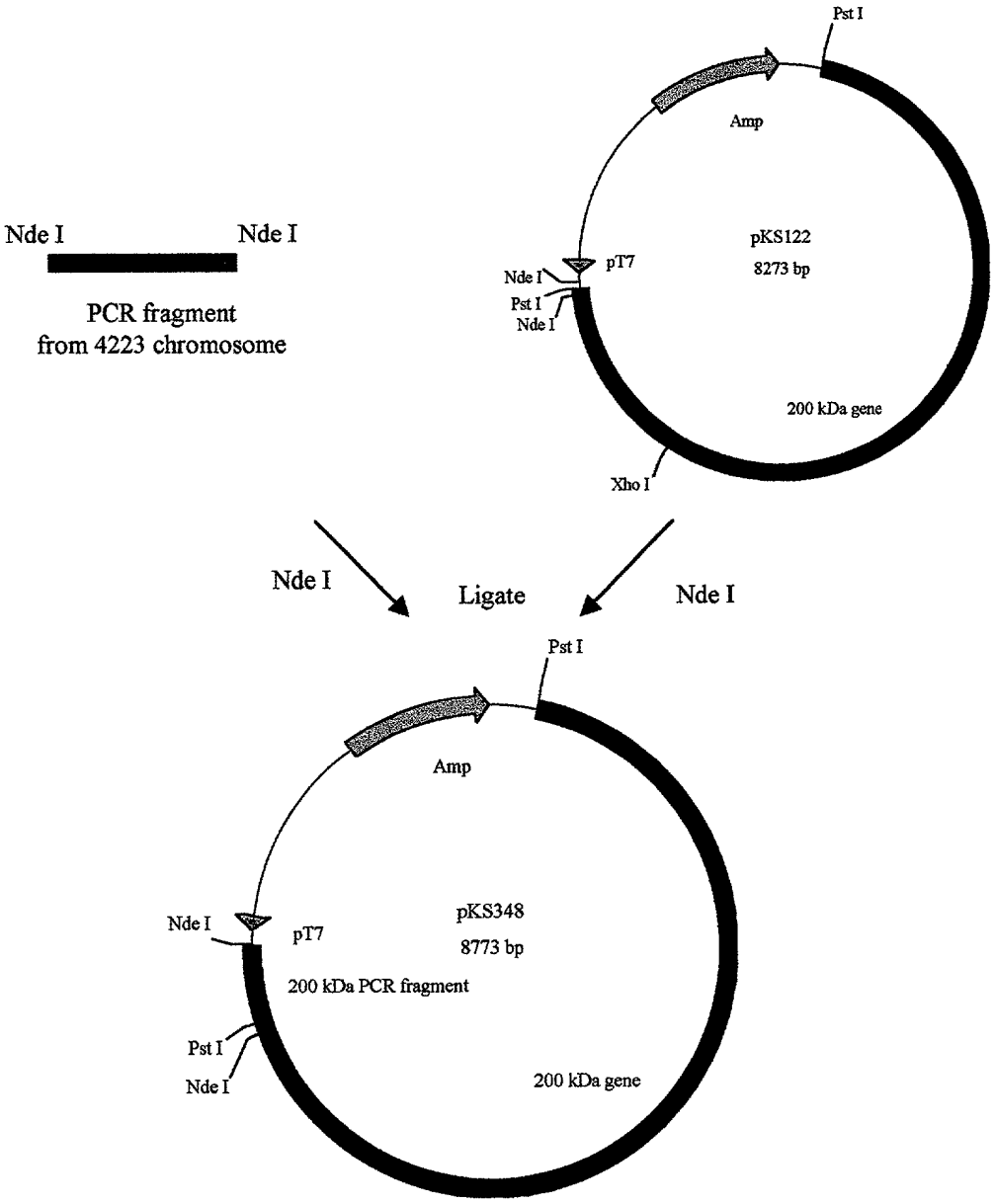


FIGURE 11

Purification of r200 kDa Protein from ***E. coli***

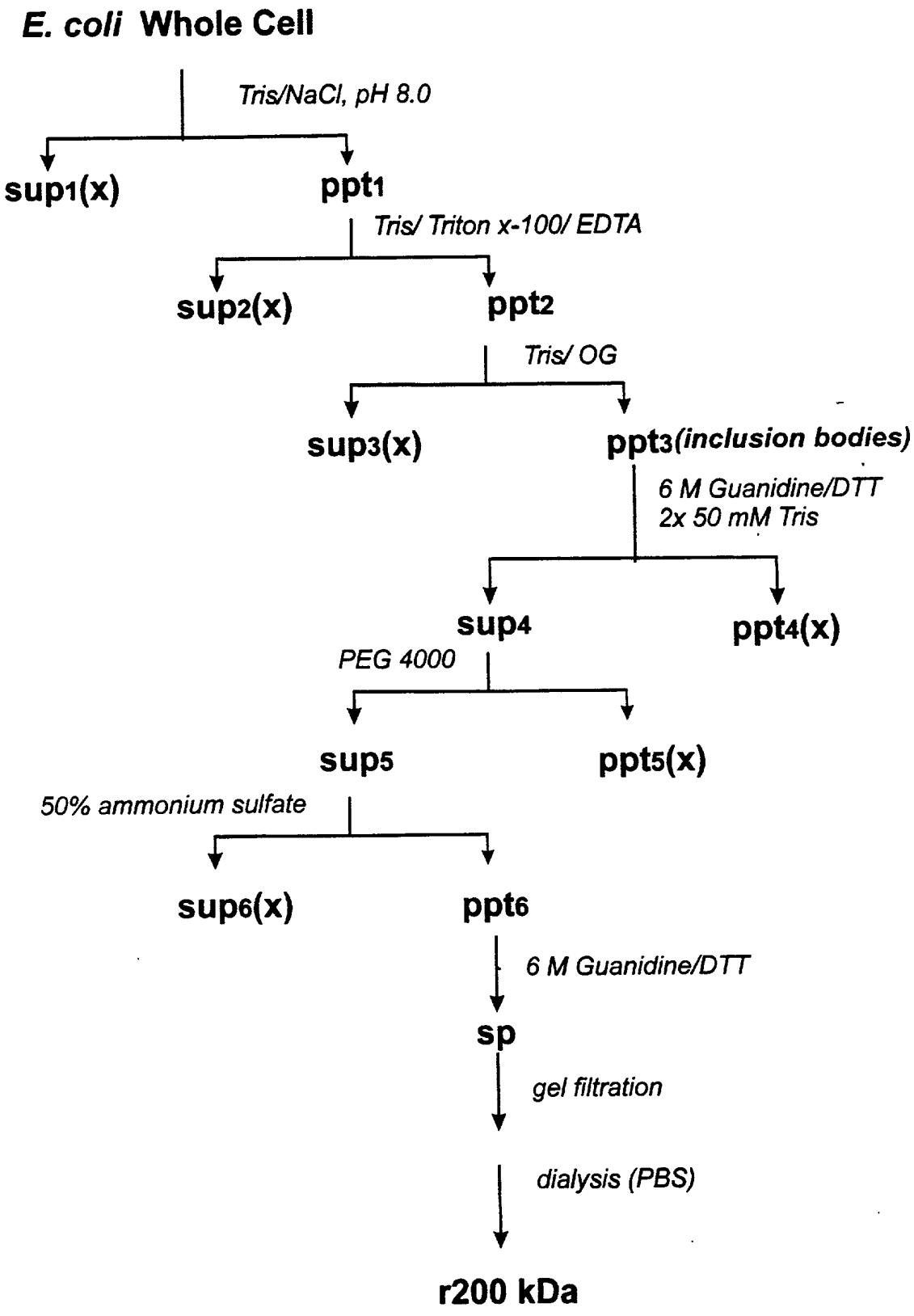
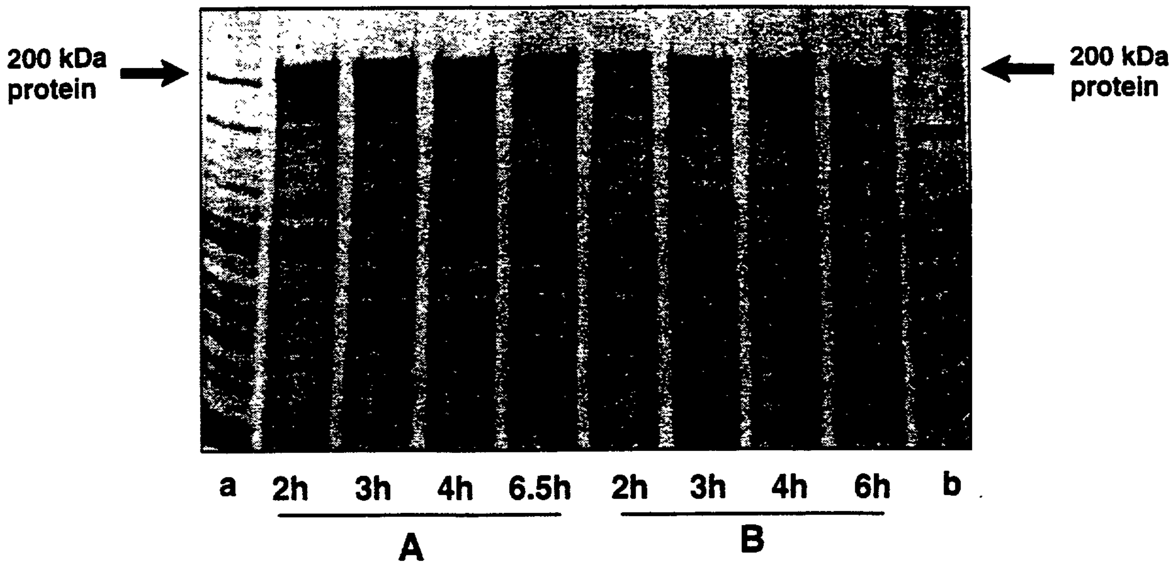


FIGURE 12

Expression of M56 r200 kDa Protein Gene in *E. coli*



A: KS358 induced when O.D. at 600 nm was 0.26

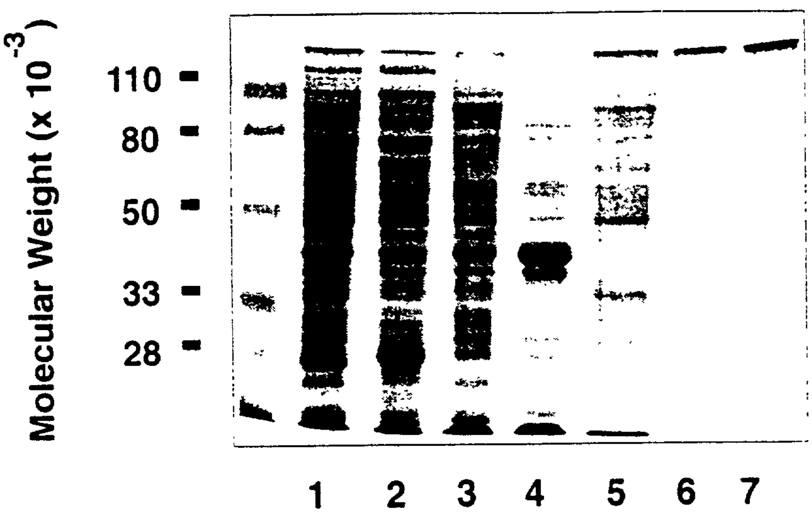
B: KS358 induced when O.D. at 600 nm was 0.44

a: strain 4223 lysate

b: KS358 cultured overnight

FIGURE 13

Purification of M56 r200 kDa Protein (4223)



1. *E. coli* Whole cells

2. Soluble proteins after 50 mM Tris/ NaCl, pH 8, extraction

3. Soluble proteins after Tris/ Triton X-100/ EDTA extraction

4. Soluble proteins after Tris/ OG extraction

5. Pellet after Tris/ OG extraction

6-7. Purified 200 kDa protein

FIGURE 14

Anti-M56 r200 kDa Antibody Titers in Mice

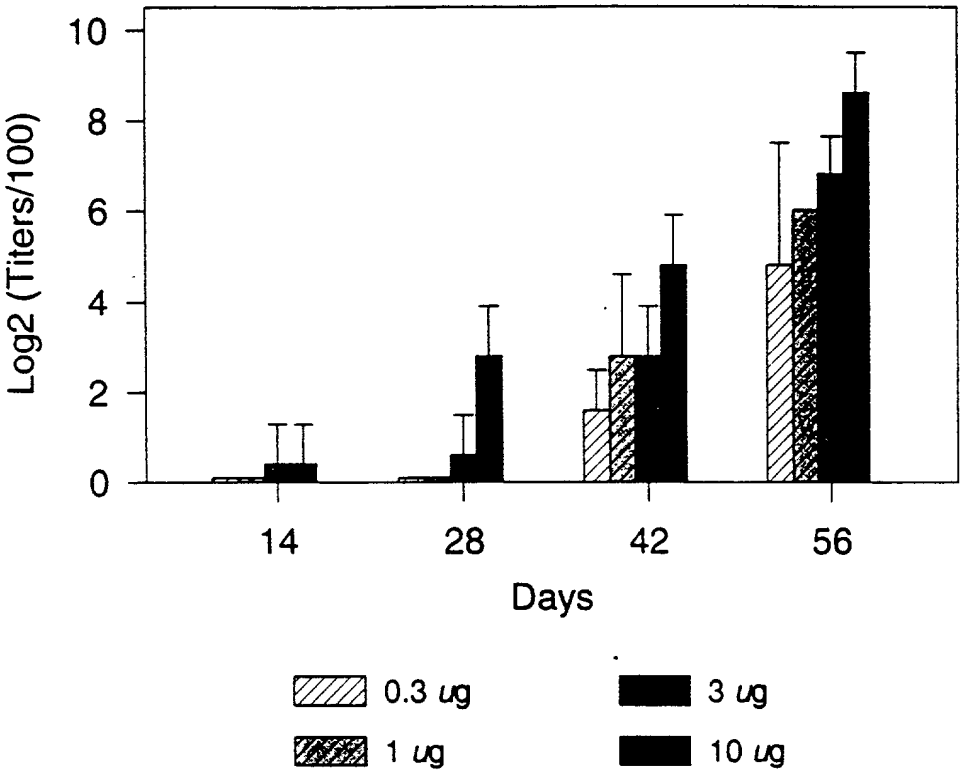


FIGURE 15

Anti-M56 r200 kDa Antibody Titers in Guinea Pigs

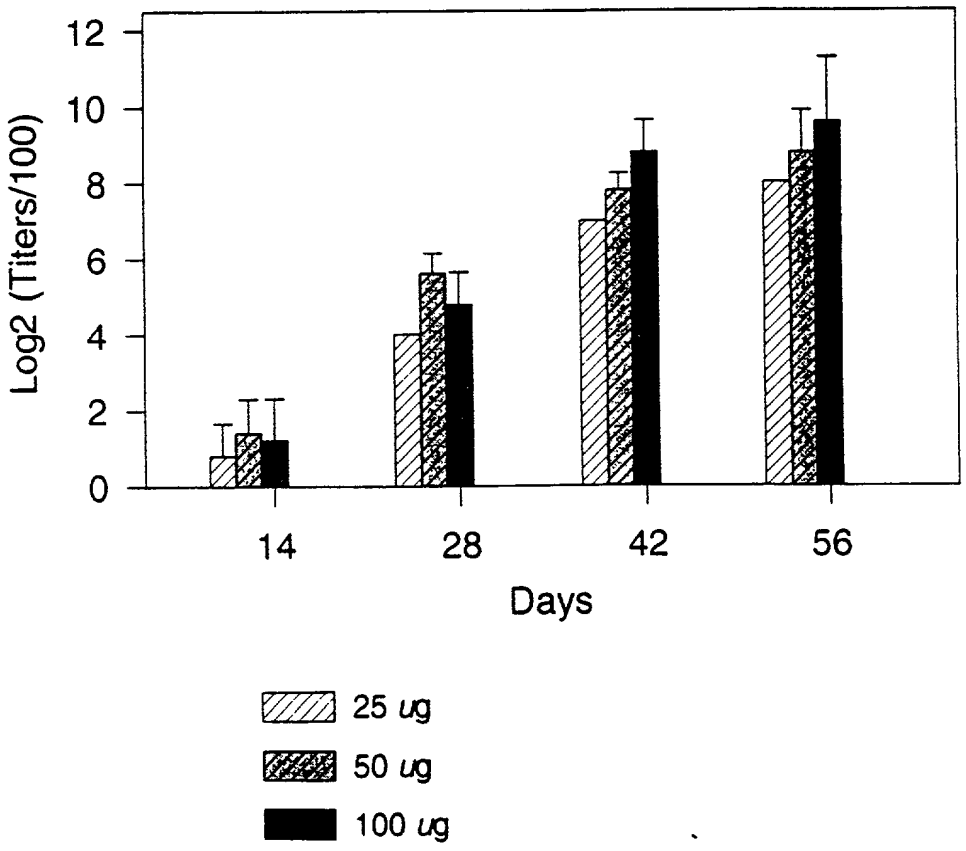


FIGURE 16

PCR amplification of DNA fragments carrying a portion of the 200 kDa protein gene from chromosomal DNA of RH408

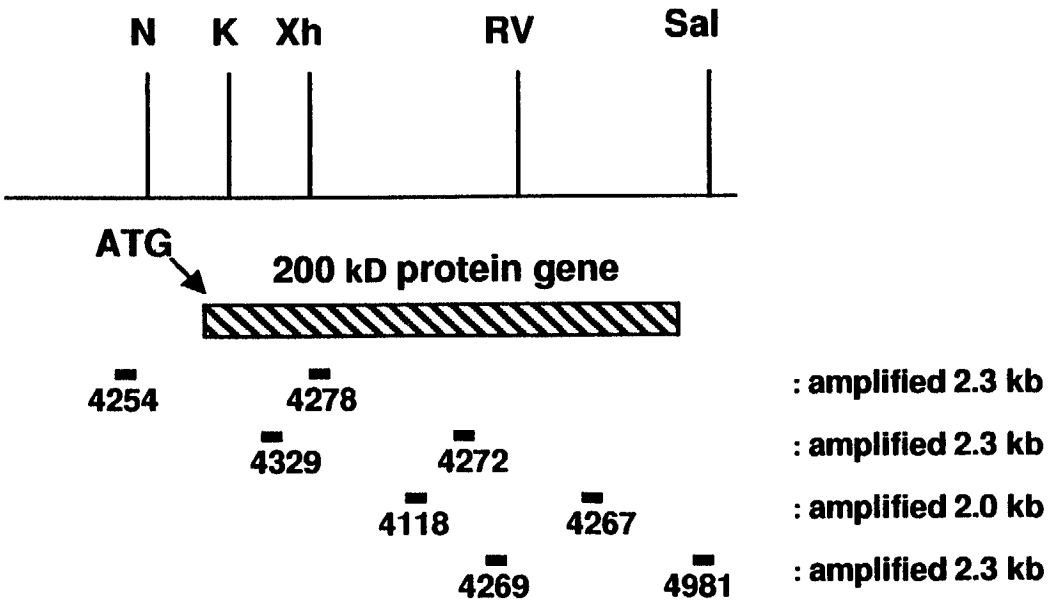


Figure 17

M. catarrhalis strain 4223 200 kDa

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          70        80        90       100       110       120

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         430       440       450       460       470       480

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         490       500       510       520       530       540

                                   ↓                       ↓
  MET  ASN  HIS  ILE  TYR  LYS  VAL  ILE  PHE  ASN  LYS  ALA[12]  THR  GLY  THR  PHE  MET  ALA  VAL[19]  ALA
CATGAATCACATCTATAAAGTCATCTTTAACAAAGCCACAGGCACATTTATGGCAGTGGC
         550       560       570       580       590       600

                                                           ↓
  GLU  TYR  ALA  LYS  SER  HIS  SER  THR  GLY  GLY  GLY  SER  CYS  ALA  THR  GLY  GLN  VAL  GLY[39]  SER
AGAGTACGCCAAATCCCACAGCACGGGGGGGGGGTAGCTGTGCTACAGGGCAAGTTGGCAG
         610       620       630       640       650       660

                                                 ↓
  VAL  CYS  THR  LEU  SER  PHE  ALA  ARG  ILE  ALA  ALA  LEU  ALA  VAL  LEU  VAL[56]  ILE  GLY  ALA  THR
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FIGURE 18

3' Half Constructs of 200 kD Protein Gene

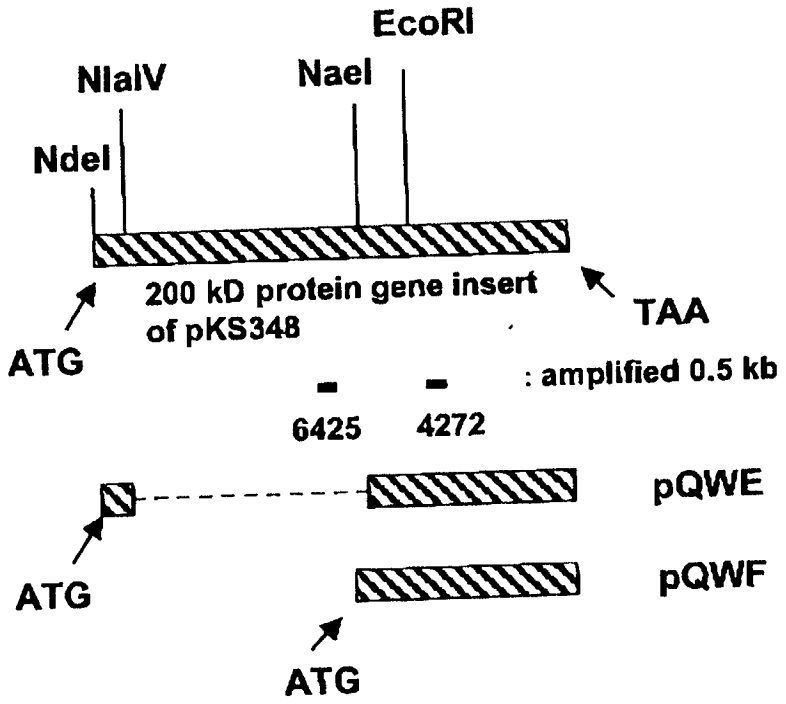


Figure 19 Construction of pQWE

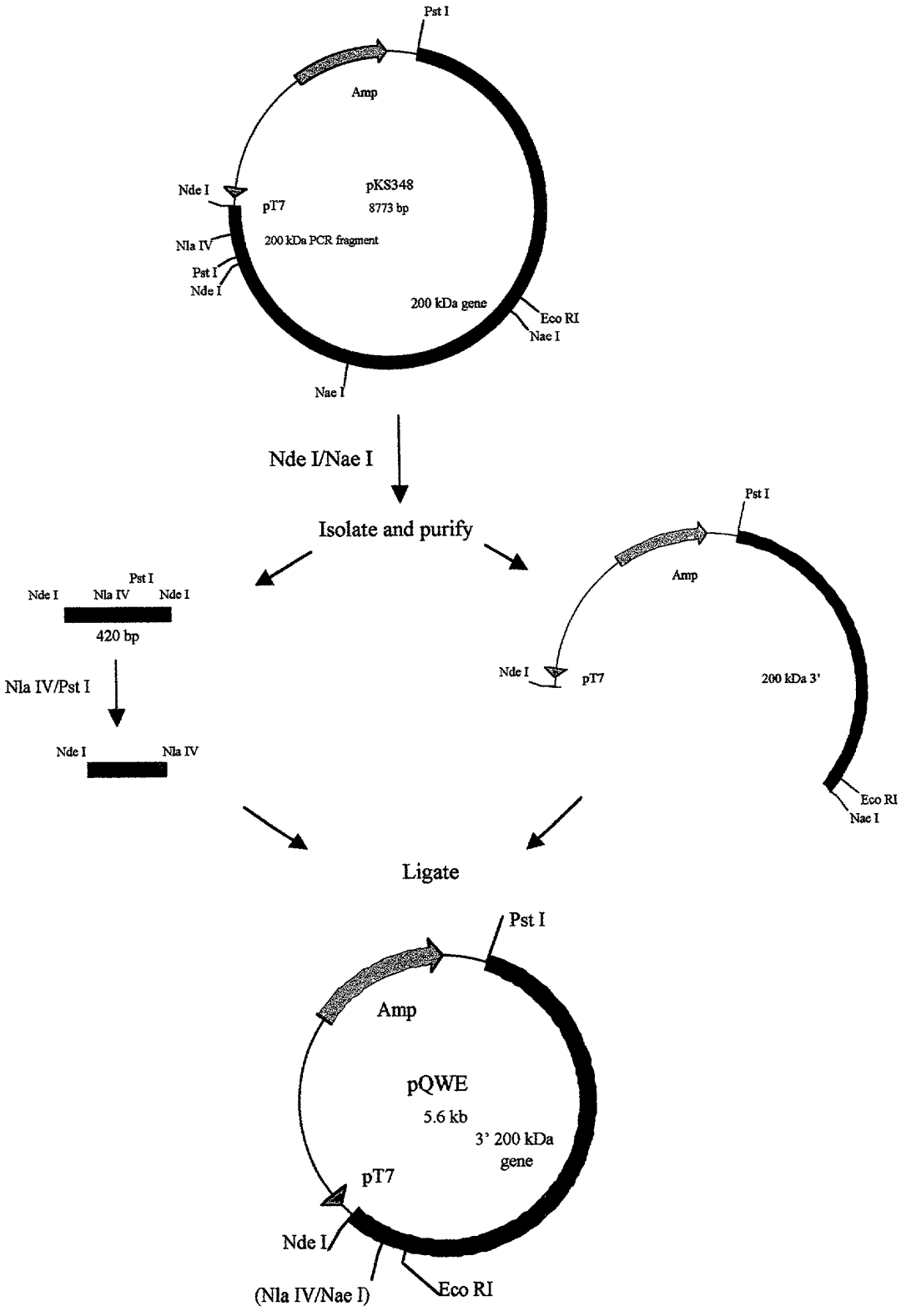
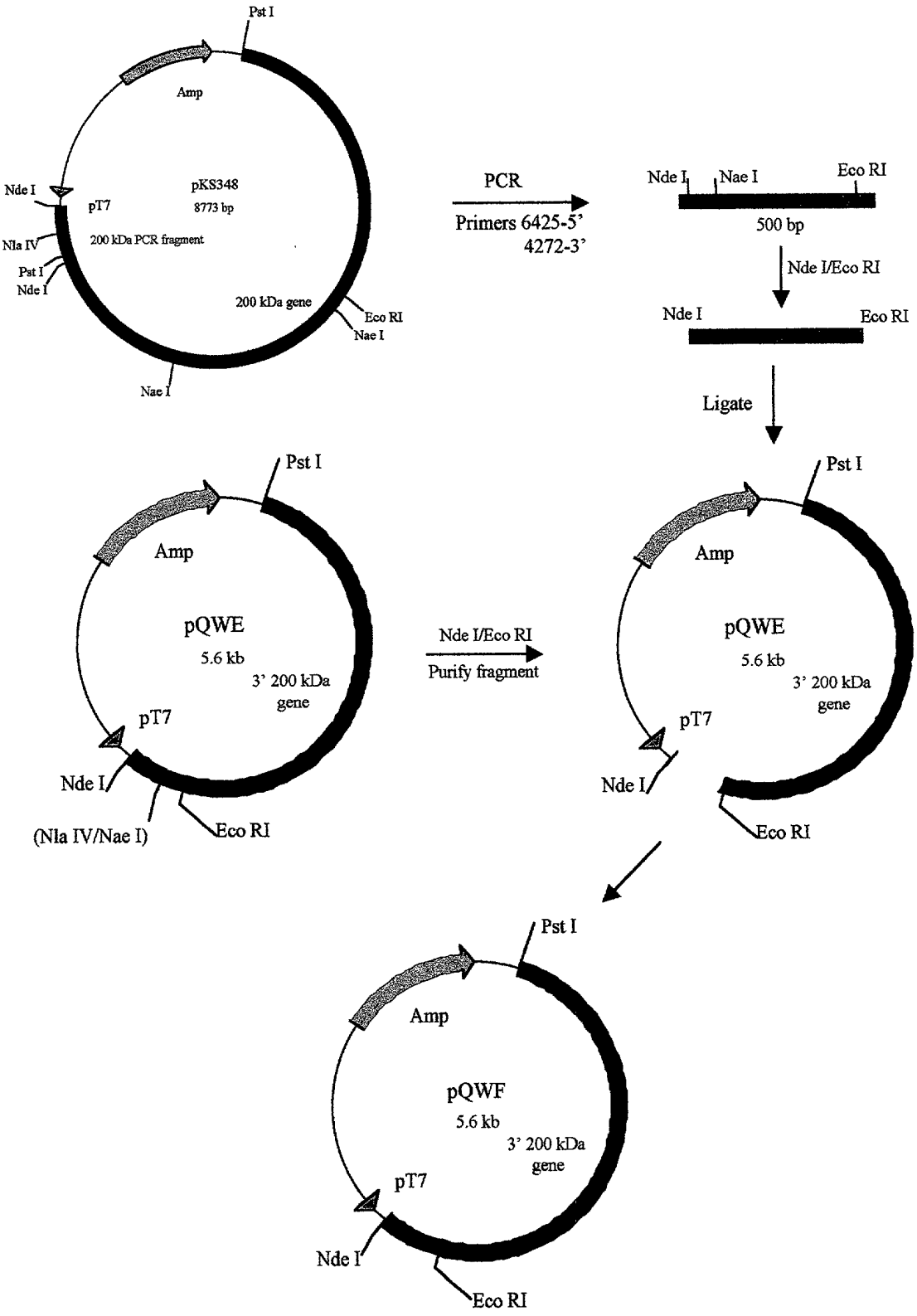


Figure 20 Construction of pQWF



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